

Date: November 30, 2025, 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM

Sermon: *“A Word to the Wise and Not so Wise”*

A Study in God’s Word Based on James 3:13-18

“I know, Lord, that our lives are not our own. We are not able to plan our own course.” That statement of Jeremiah the prophet in Jer. 10:23 is right on! It was his way of saying that to make the most of our days on earth, human beings need God’s help and guidance. We need, in short, the wisdom which “our generous God” promises to give us (James 1:5). In the passage before us this morning, the Apostle draws a striking contrast between the two types of wisdom at work in this world: wisdom that’s “earthly” (v. 15) and wisdom that’s “from heaven” (v. 17):

I. Wisdom From BELOW – vv. 14-16

Three Features Stand Out:

A. Its Source: **SATAN**

B. Its Focus: **SELF**

C. Its Impact: **EVIL**

II. Wisdom From ABOVE – vv. 17-18

Three Features Stand Out:

A. Its Source: **THE LORD**

B. Its Focus: **GOD**

C. Its Impact: **GOOD**