

Ecclesiastes 9:13-18

Day 1: Wisdom is from above

Scripture: James 3:13-18

Meditation: James pushes us to understand that there is so much more than just standing up to say something. Instead, you must have something to say. This is where spiritual wisdom comes into play. We can dissect different things with knowledge, but it's wisdom that allows us to live it out in the world. Even if a teacher has a lot of good things to say, if they cannot connect the message to the heart of God it is ultimately knowledge without wisdom. These verses help us see a contrast to true wisdom and wisdom of the world.

Reflection: Do you find yourself tying the way of the world into your spiritual life? According to this passage where does the wisdom of the world come from? What is the wisdom from above made up of? Can you see the importance of the fruit of the Spirit?

Prayer: Ask God to help you use the fruit of the Spirit in your daily walk. Also ask Him to keep you from letting worldly wisdom creep into your life.

Day 2: God speaks through a whisper

Scripture: 1 Kings 19:9-18

Meditation: In my life, I've noticed that when there are tough decisions, I want God to speak as loud as possible to me. This is the case with Elijah in this story. He has been running for his life and wants an answer from God. There will be several things that happen, all of which are big events and in every one of them, God is not there. It isn't until it is a soft voice that God speaks. But the key to understanding is that even in that small voice, Elijah was able to pick it out.

Reflection: Have you ever desired so strongly for God to answer your prayer? What did you do in that instance? Would you recognize God's voice if He spoke to you with the softest voice?

Prayer: Ask God to open your ears to be able to hear His call in your life. Then ask Him to give you the boldness to take a stand just like Elijah.

Day 3: The power is in God

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 9:13-18

Meditation: We can see that there are many benefits to wisdom over physical strength. Since we cannot control anything, we need to yield ourselves into God's hands, which gives us the wisdom. We live by promises and not explanations. Because we walk by such things, we don't have to fear anything because God is far more powerful than any man made weapon on this earth.

Reflection: Have you allowed fear to creep into your life this week? How can you eliminate such fears?

Prayer: Seek forgiveness for the moments in your life when you allowed fear to overwhelm you. Ask God to continue to give you wisdom in your life.