



# BOOK **OF** JAMES

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❖ There is a worldview apart from God

But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. **Such “wisdom” does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic.** For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.



*James 3:14–16 (NIV)*



Worldly wisdom views life from a limited perspective. It doesn't see things in light of eternity but in terms of the perceived immediate impact—what is best for self-advancement and self-pleasure now.

A wisdom in the world measures everything by how it affects you.

David Platt, *Exalting Jesus in James* (Nashville, TN: Holman Reference, 2014), 83.

Then he said to them all: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.



*Luke 9:23 (NIV)*

The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who **suppress the truth** by their wickedness, since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them.



*Romans 1:18–32 (NIV)*

For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.



*Romans 1:18–32 (NIV)*

For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. **Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools** and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like a mortal human being and birds and animals and reptiles.



*Romans 1:18–32 (NIV)*



Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. **They exchanged the truth about God for a lie,** and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen.



*Romans 1:18–32 (NIV)*

Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural sexual relations for unnatural ones. In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed shameful acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their error.



*Romans 1:18–32 (NIV)*

Furthermore, just as **they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God**, so God gave them over to a depraved mind, so that they do what ought not to be done. They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity.



*Romans 1:18–32 (NIV)*

They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips, slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents; they have no understanding, no fidelity, no love, no mercy.



*Romans 1:18–32 (NIV)*

Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them.



*1 Corinthians 15:13-14 (NIV)*

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*James 3:16 (NIV)*



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❖ There is a worldview centered around God

Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.



*Revelation 21:1-4 (NIV)*



And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.



*Revelation 21:1–4 (NIV)*

‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”



*Revelation 21:1-4 (NIV)*

Yet what we suffer now is nothing compared to the glory he will reveal to us later. For all creation is waiting eagerly for that future day when God will reveal who his children really are. Against its will, all creation was subjected to God's curse.



*Romans 8:18–25 (NLT)*

But with eager hope, the creation looks forward to the day when it will join God's children in glorious freedom from death and decay. For we know that all creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.



*Romans 8:18–25 (NLT)*

And we believers also groan, even though we have the Holy Spirit within us as a foretaste of future glory, for we long for our bodies to be released from sin and suffering. We, too, wait with eager hope for the day when God will give us our full rights as his adopted children, including the new bodies he has promised us.



*Romans 8:18–25 (NLT)*

We were given this hope when we were saved. (If we already have something, we don't need to hope for it. But if we look forward to something we don't yet have, we must wait patiently and confidently.)



*Romans 8:18–25 (NLT)*

Women received back their dead, raised to life again. There were others who were tortured, refusing to be released so that they might gain an even better resurrection. Some faced jeers and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment.



*Hebrews 11:35-40 (NIV)*

They were put to death by stoning; they were sawed in two; they were killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated—the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, living in caves and in holes in the ground.



*Hebrews 11:35–40 (NIV)*



These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.



*Hebrews 11:35–40 (NIV)*



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if not  
He is  
still good

daniel 3:18



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❖ As a believer, is your worldview reflected in your life?

True wisdom is not just what you know.

It's about what you do with what you know.

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Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom.



*James 3:13-18 (NIV)*

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:



*Philippians 2:3–5 (NIV)*

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.



*Proverbs 9:10 (NIV)*



If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind.



*James 1:5–6 (NIV)*

But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.



*James 3:17-18 (NIV)*

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