

Grace Valley Bible Church  
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### Lesson: DEMONIC WISDOM

James 3:13-18 introduces two spheres of wisdom in the world.

James 3:15 introduced the first characteristic of demonic wisdom - “**This wisdom is NOT that which comes down** (*katerchomai/ p.m.ptc.nsf*) **from above** (ouk anothen/ God). (Jas.3:15)

Then James gives three more characteristics of **demonic wisdom** – “**earthly** (*epigeios*), **natural** (*psuchikos*), and **demonic** (*daimoniondes*).” (*Jas.3:15/ satan’s system*)

He calls God’s sphere **divine wisdom** – “**Wisdom from above** (*‘wisdom that comes down from above’*).” (*Jas.3:15 and 17/ God’s system*).

These two spheres of wisdom are against each other until New Heaven and New Earth (**Rev.20:7-10/ Rev.21-22**)

This lesson will study FIVE aspects of Demonic Wisdom of the world (**2 Tim.2:26; Luke 15:17**). The **human heart** is the target of demonic wisdom in AC (Jas.3:14).

1. In **Jas.3:14-16**, James describes **six characteristics of Demonic Wisdom**.

James gave **four characteristics** of demonic wisdom in **Jas.3:14**. “**But if** (*1cc/ true*) **you have bitter jealousy** (*pikros zelos*) and **selfish ambition** (*erithia*) **in your HEART** (*te kardia/ Isf*), **do not be arrogant** (*me katakauchomai*) and (do not) **lie against the truth** (*pseudomai tes aletheia*).” (**Jas.3:14**)

*One example of these four characteristics could be **Cain** (Gen.4:1-8; **1 John 3:8, 11-13**).*

Bitter jealousy	Selfish ambition
Arrogant	Lie against truth

2. In **Jas.3:16**, James gave **two more** characteristics of reality of demonic wisdom working in one’s life. “**For where** *jealousy and selfish ambitious exist*, **there is** (*more to come*) **disorder** (*akatastasis*) and every **evil thing** (*phaulos pragma*).”

*Let’s examine these in a **believer** named **Peter** (**Matt.16:21-23; 17:19-23; 20:17-19; 26:21-25; 26:69-75**).*

*It can be applied to an **unbeliever** named **Judas Iscariot** (John 13:18-30/ “As soon as Judas took morsel/ Psomion Ceremony), **satan entered** into him.”/ 13:27; 17:12/ Ps.41:9).*

3. Demonic wisdom (cosmos diabolicus) is **satan's war** against the truth of divine wisdom in AC (1 Pet.5:8; John 8:44; Eph.6:10-17).

When an **unbeliever** goes negative to the truth of God's word, **demonic wisdom** fills the void with the cosmos diabolicus (Rom.1:18-32; 2 Cor.4:3-4).

When a **believer** goes negative to the truth of God's word, **demonic wisdom** fills the void with cosmos diabolicus (Matt.16:21-23; 2 Tim.1:13-18).

The aim of demonic wisdom is to infiltrate **the heart** with false doctrines and evil (1 Tim.4:2-3; 2 Tim.2:15-19, 26; 3:6-9; 4:10, 14-16).

4. Evil in the soul produces evil behavior in life (2 Cor.2:11; Eph.6:11; Mark 7:20-23; Prov.23:7).

There are five apparatuses to the **human soul** (1 Pet.2:11/ war against the soul).

**Self-Consciousness**

**Conscience**

**Mentality**

**Volition**

**Emotion**

**"A joyful heart is good medicine. But a broken spirit dries up the bones." (Prov.17:22)**

- *"The heart of man reflects the man." (Prov.27:19/ Matt.6:21)*

5. We will mention **Five Tablets of the Heart**. *"You are our letter, written in our hearts, known and read by all men; being manifested that you are a **letter of Christ**, cared for by us, **written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God**, not of tablets of stone but on **tablets of human heart**." (2 Cor.3:2-3)*

*"I pray that the **eyes of your HEART may be enlightened**, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints." (Eph.1:18)*

- **Memory center** - Cycling the word of God by faith (2 Tim.3:16-17) - **long- and short-term retention of CBD** – *"Do in remembrance of Me (1 Cor.11:24-25/ John 14:26.)"*
- **Frame of reference** – *divine viewpoint of life (1 Pet.4:1-4).*
- **Vocabulary** – *biblical language (1 Pet.1:22; 1 Cor.13:1-13; 1 John 4:10, 18/ **agape love**).*
- **Beliefs** - *doctrinal viewpoint of God's will (Eph.6:6; Gal.5:1,7, 13).*
- **SIQ** – *spiritual growth from baby to super-grace (Eph.4:13-16; 2 Thess.1:3.)*

***"For God Who said, 'Light shall shine out of darkness,' is the One Who has shone in our HEARTS to give the Light of the Knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ." (2 Cor.4:6)***