

Gospel and Wisdom (2)

Introduction

In this final study we look at the place of *prayer* in our growth in wisdom and think together about how we can know the *will* of God. Once again the treatment of these questions (the third and fourth of the series set out in the introduction to study 14) is based on selected texts and is thus only part of the answer. Nevertheless we do learn some important lessons in how to live wisely in God's good but fallen world.

Study Questions

These questions help you to see clearly what the text is saying.

Read: Read James 1vs1-8; 3vs13-18

Answer the following questions:

1. How should we as Christians respond to the various trials of life?
2. What should we do when we face perplexity?
3. What can we be confident about regarding our prayers for wisdom?
4. How should this fact affect the way in which we pray?

5. What wisdom should we seek? How will this wisdom be manifested?

Read: Romans 12vs1-2; Ephesians 5vs15-20; 1 Thessalonians 4vs1-8

Answer the following questions:

1. How does Paul describe the will of God in Romans 12vs2?
2. What is required for us to know the will of God?
3. What is the link between wisdom and the Lord's will in Ephesians 5?
4. What is God's will for Christians according to 1 Thessalonians 4?

Think it Through

In the light of what we have learnt from this study, what is required for us to be wise?