

## ***The Wise Man***

***“Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show it by his good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom.” (James 3:13)***

Who is wise and understanding among you? This is how the verse begins; a question that needs to be answered. Many they claim to be wise and full of understanding, but they need to show what they claim and put into practice. Are you a wise person? Are you a person who has understanding? The Bible provides facts how to prove that a person is wise: ***“Let him show it by his good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom.”***

This message will review part of a man’s life named Isaac; to show the good life a man had for doing good deeds done in humility that comes from wisdom. Let us learn from this story:

***“Now there was a famine in the land—besides the previous famine in Abraham’s time—and Isaac went to Abimelek king of the Philistines in Gerar.” (Genesis 26:1)*** Isaac lived in their land, and ***“Isaac planted crops in that land and the same year reaped a hundredfold, because the Lord blessed him. The man became rich, and his wealth continued to grow until he became very wealthy. (Genesis 26:12-13)***

The blessing that Isaac received from the Lord caused him to face opposition from the king of the land and he said to him, ***“Move away from us; you have become too powerful for us.”*** The people of the land were jealous of him so they wanted to remove him out from among them. So Isaac moved away from there. Then, ***“Isaac’s servants dug in the valley and discovered a well of fresh water there. But the herders of Gerar quarreled with those of Isaac and said, “The water is ours!” So he named the well Esek, because they disputed with him. Then they dug another well, but they quarreled over that one also; so he named it Sitnah. He moved on from there and dug another well, and no one quarreled over it. He named it Rehoboth, saying, “Now the Lord has given us room and we will flourish in the land.” (Genesis 26:19-22)***

A man who walks in the ways of the Lord, the Lord will bless and multiply the work of his hands as the word of God testifies: ***“Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners***

***take or sit in the company of mockers, but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night. That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither—whatever they do prospers. (Psalms 1:1-3)*** Such man lives his life to the full. The man who surrenders his life to God through faith in Christ Jesus is transformed from worldly wild man to a man who walks in the ways of the Lord. The death of Jesus and His blood that was shed on the cross is for the forgiveness of man’s sins and transgressions. The blood of Jesus has the power to change man’s life from walking in darkness into the light of God. The new man who is in Christ Jesus, his life will be fruitful. He is a man who lives in joy and peace from God; he is a man who has love for others and shows faithfulness and loyalty toward God’s word.

The man who is wise and who has understanding when he faces opposition he will not quarrel and he will not dispute. He trusts in the Lord his God, that the Lord Himself will open new opportunity for him to live a prosperous life; to such men the Lord will give more wisdom how to deal peacefully even with his enemy. The Lord will give him humility that will break the enemy’s anger and jealousy. Isaac behaved with his enemies in such a way and he had victory over them by his deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom.

***My dear and beloved: “Peacemakers who sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness.”*** This is wisdom from heaven. Our God is not a God of disorder but God of peace. The Lord God wants us to have this style of life. ***“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, and demonic. For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.” (James 3:14-16)*** This kind of behavior does not give good life, but brings more troubles and more enemies and more disorders and no blessing.

***My Prayer: “Father God in heaven, I come before You in the name of Jesus Christ who died for me on the cross to give me eternal life. O Lord bestow on me a wisdom that comes from you. Humble me and give me more obedience to your Word, to live a good life and to be a fruitful person. Help me to give You Glory and Praise. I thank you, Lord. This is my prayer in Jesus’ name, Amen.”***