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"WHO IS THE OTHER WISE MAN?" James 3:13

Introduction: Henry Van Dyck's story

I. The Other Wise Man is the One Who Begins with the Beginning of Wisdom,

A. Psalm 111:10, "The Fear of the Lord"

B. To the "Three R's" must be prefaced Another R for Reverence or Religion.

C. No man is really educated who has no knowledge of the Lord

D. "Thou, O Christ, art all I want, More than all in Thee I find."

II. The One who Appreciates the Value of Wisdom

A. Prov. 8:10

B. The Danger of over-emphasis on material things

III. One Who Ponders the Paradox of Wisdom

A. I Cor. 1:27; 3:19

B. That wisdom of the world that sets itself up above and over against God's method of saving people -- is not really wisdom, but foolishness.

IV. One Who Seeks the Source of True Wisdom

A. God is the source of wisdom, James 1:5

B. The means is through prayer

C. The promise is that God is ready to give to all

D. But you must ask in faith.

1. Nothing doubting

2. Not double-minded

V. One who Demonstrates the Description of Wisdom,
James 3

A. Negatively, vs. 14-16

1. Earthly
2. Unspiritual
3. Devilish
4. Jealous
5. Ambitious

(Who are the authors of confusion, jealousy, factions?
Are they to be found in heaven, or in Hell?
Jealousy and Factionalism mean moral chaos and anarchy,
and are from below."

B. Positively, from above, v. 17

1. Pure
2. Peaceable
3. Gentle
4. Open to reason, persuasive
5. Full of mercy and good works
6. Without uncertainty or insincerity

C. The demonstration of true wisdom is shown
in a good life, v. 13.