

Daily Bible Study and Prayers for the week of January 13, 2025

(Suggestion: put your answers into your computer or in a notebook, to allow God to speak to you fully through the wonder of the writing process.

Pastor Dan's answers will be on the back of next week's DBS.)

Monday - Read James 3:13-18

Question – What 3 phrases does James use to describe false “wisdom” (v. 15)? What 2 things does envy and selfish ambition result in (v. 16)? In contrast, what 8 words or phrases does James use to describe the **“wisdom that comes from heaven”** (v. 17)?

Prayer For Today – Pray that God would give you His true wisdom (with all 8 attributes!) and deliver you from **“envy and selfish ambition”** (v. 14 and 16).

Tuesday - Read James 4:1-3

Question – What cure does James offer for desires that are not met?

Prayer For Today – Pray by thinking back on your last prayers and asking yourself, “Do I pray for things that will only satisfy my own pleasures?” (v. 3)

Wednesday - Read James 4:4-10

Question – What ways do you think James might have had in mind that even we Christians can be a **“friend of the world”** (v. 4)? Why is that a bad thing?

Prayer For Today – Pray by repeating over and over, **“Come near to God and he will come near to you”** (v. 8). (Or, maybe you'll want to say, *“Lord, I come near to you by faith. Come near to me, I pray.”*)

Thursday - Read James 4:11-12

Question – Do you know what **“slander”** (v. 11) means? Look up the definition of the word and type/write it out.

Prayer For Today – Pray by asking God, “Lord, did I slander anyone today?”

Friday - Read James 4:13-17

Question – How does it make you feel to read that, **“You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes”** (v. 14)?

Prayer For Today – Pray by laying your plans for this coming weekend before God for his approval.

Saturday - Read James 5:1-6

Question – What behavior is James specifically condemning the rich for who lived in his day?

Prayer For Today – Pray for the leaders of our worship service tomorrow.

Sunday - Read James 5:7-20

Question – A lot of people falsely say, “The Bible doesn't tell us that swearing is a sin.” Which verse would you show anyone who tried to tell you that? James says in verse 15, **“... prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well.”** When you pray for the sick, how much do you really believe that God can do what you're asking him to do? In verse 16, why does James tell us to confess our sins to **“each other”** and not directly to God?

Prayer For Today – Pray for the sick, but only if you really believe that God can heal them.