

Prayer for Illumination

**Word of God, speak! Get our attention; force us to listen. Be for us life and action; beacon and gavel. Amen**

John 8:31-36     *Set free ...*

To the Jews who had believed in Jesus, Jesus said, "If you hold to My teaching, you are really My disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free".

They answered Jesus, "We are Abraham's descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can You say that we shall be set free?"

Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever.

**So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed".**

**Amen**

Proverbs 2:6-11     *Protection*

The LORD gives wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding. He holds success in store for the upright, He is a shield to those whose walk is blameless, for He guards the course of the just and protects the way of His faithful ones.

Then you will understand what is right and just and fair – every good path.

For wisdom will enter your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul. **Discretion will protect you, and understanding will guard you.**

**Amen**

James 3:13-18     *Wisdom's Character*

Who is wise and understanding among you?

**Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom.**

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, demonic.

For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.

But the wisdom that comes from Heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere.

**Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness. Amen**