

# Faith that Demonstrates Wisdom

James 3:13-18

Samuel Ferrara

wisdom

# James: Keep the Faith

- Stands the **Test** (1:2-12)
- Demands a **Change** of Heart (1:19-25)
- Loves **Impartially** (2:5-9)
- **Acts** (2:15-24)
- Tames the **Tongue** (3:6-10)
- Demonstrates **Wisdom** (3:13-18)

Plattenkogel, Austria. Lukas Budimaier

13 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.

James 3:13 (NIV) (p.1/4)

14 But if you harbor bitter **envy** and selfish **ambition** in your hearts, do not **boast** about it or deny the **truth**.

15 Such “wisdom” does not come down from heaven but is **earthly**, unspiritual, **demonic**.

James 3:14-15 (NIV) (p.2/4)

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

James 3:16 (NIV) (p.3/4)

17 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**.

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

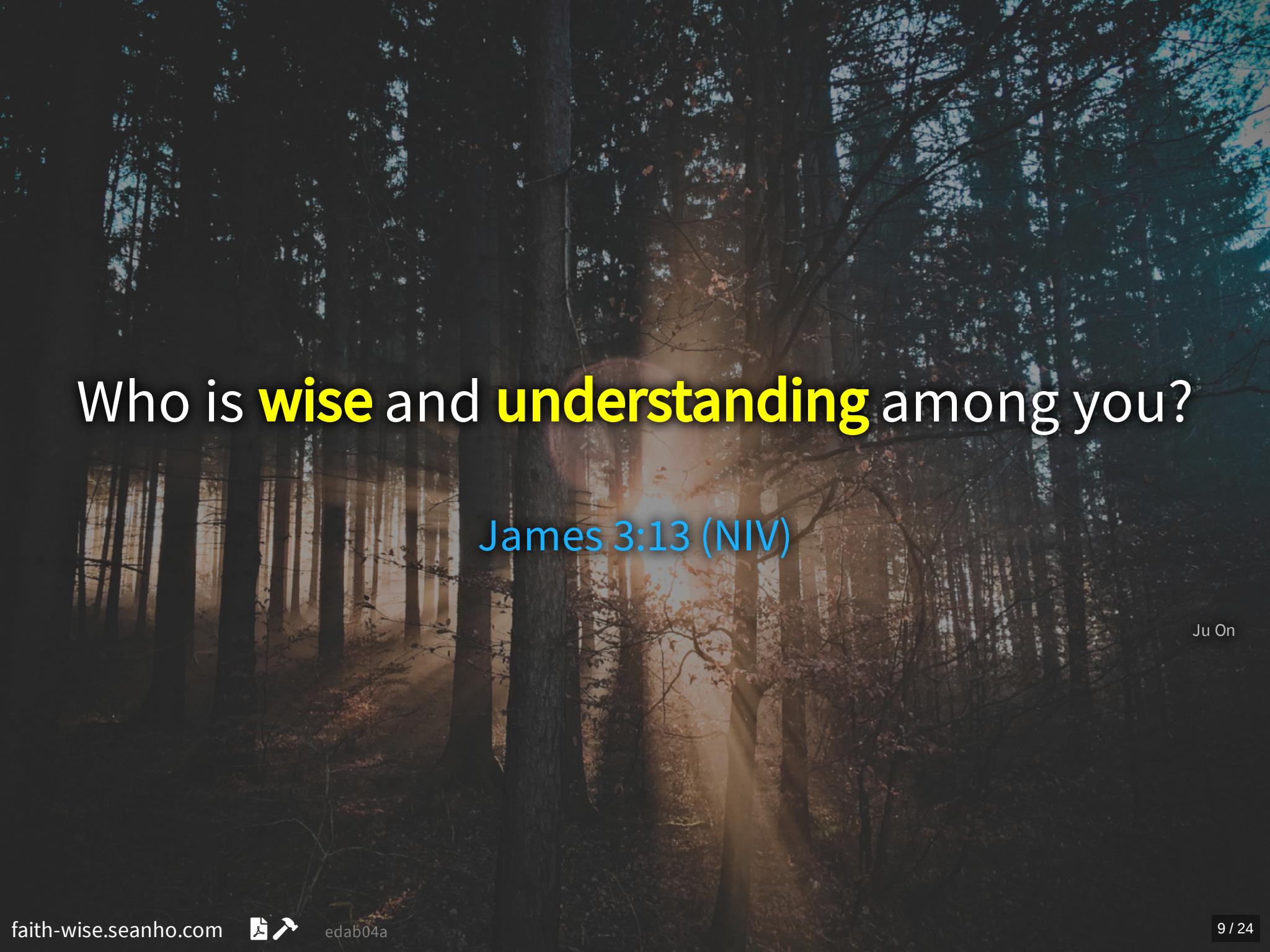
James 3:17-18 (NIV) (p.4/4)

# James 3b: Faith that Demonstrates Wisdom

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- Practise, not Pretense (v13)
- Free of Bitter Passion (v14-16)
- Peacemaking (v17-18)

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Who is **wise** and **understanding** among you?

James 3:13 (NIV)

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Not many of you should become **teachers**,  
my fellow believers,

because you know that  
we who **teach** will be judged more **strictly**.

James 3:1 (NIV)

Savoie, France. Thomas Tixtaaz



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by **deeds** done in the **humility**  
that comes from wisdom.

James 3:13 (NIV)

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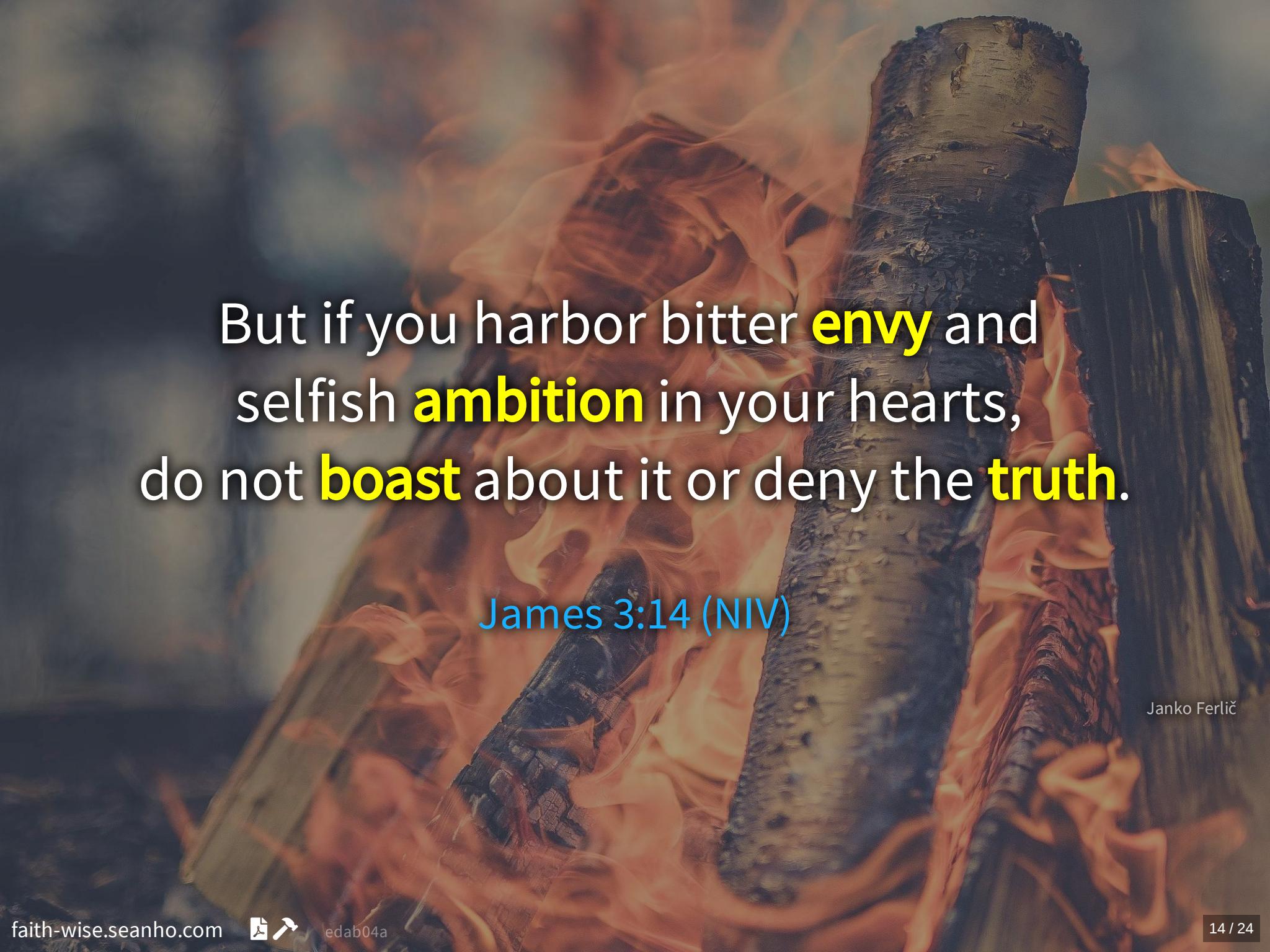
gentle deeds  
proud words

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- Practise, not Pretense (v13)
- **Free of Bitter Passion** (v14-16)
- Peacemaking (v17-18)

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A large log is burning in a fire, with bright orange and yellow flames engulfing the wood. Smoke rises from the burning embers. The background is dark, making the fire stand out.

But if you harbor bitter **envy** and  
selfish **ambition** in your hearts,  
do not **boast** about it or deny the **truth**.

James 3:14 (NIV)

Janko Ferlić

Such “wisdom” does not come down from heaven but is **earthly, unspiritual, demonic.**

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

James 3:15-16 (NIV)

Ukraine. Paul Itkin

passion  
ambition  
wisdom

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- **Peacemaking** (v17-18)

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A scenic landscape of a fjord in Iceland. The foreground shows a rocky, mossy shore. A winding road follows the coastline of the fjord. In the background, there are green hills and mountains under a dramatic, cloudy sky.

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.

James 3:17 (NIV)

Iceland. Davide Cantelli

A dramatic landscape featuring a winding road through a valley, leading towards a large body of water under a heavy, dark sky. The scene is framed by grassy hills and rocky terrain.

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**.

James 3:17 (NIV)

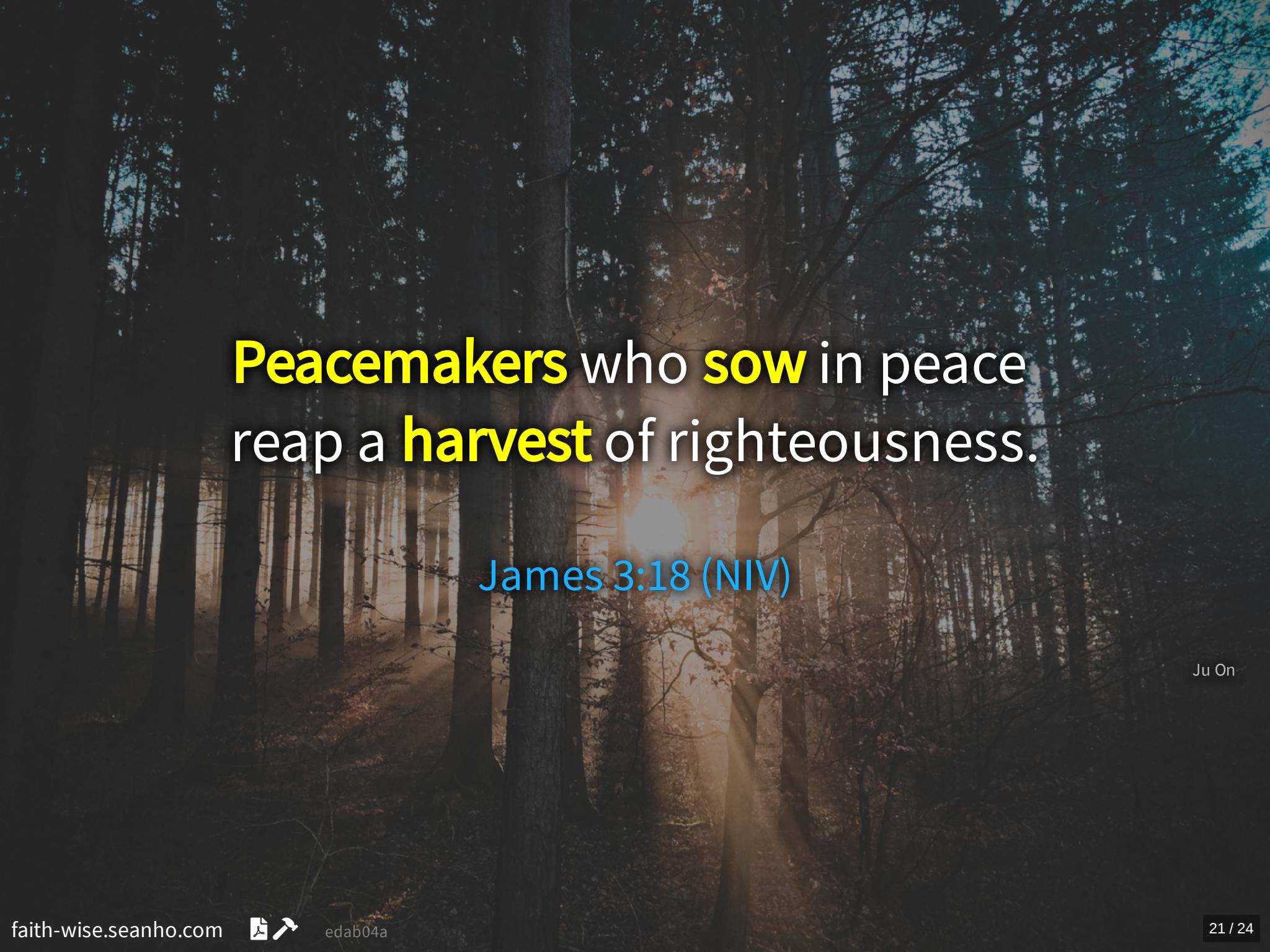
Iceland. Davide Cantelli

A close-up photograph of a woman with long dark hair, wearing a white t-shirt. She is shown from the chest up, with her hands clasped together in a prayerful position near her chin. Her eyes are closed, suggesting a moment of quiet contemplation or prayer. The background is slightly blurred.

If any of you **lacks wisdom**,  
you should **ask God**,  
who gives **generously** to all  
without finding **fault**,  
and it will be **given** to you.

James 1:5 (NIV)

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

James 3:18 (NIV)

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recognise

peace

meek

merciful

A wide-angle landscape photograph of a mountain range at sunset or sunrise. The sky is filled with warm, orange, and red hues, transitioning into darker blues and purples. In the foreground, dark, rugged mountain peaks rise, their slopes partially covered in snow and ice. The lighting creates strong shadows and highlights on the mountain faces, emphasizing their texture and depth.

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reap a harvest of **righteousness**.

James 3:13 (NIV)

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