

# Floods in East Belfast



# Catastrophic Collapse





# Foot and mouth

- ✓ A major security lapse at a Government research laboratory complex



# Trials and Tribulations



✓ “Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds”


✓ “pure joy”???



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# Where is wisdom?





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

✓ jux·ta·pose



✓ To place side by  
side, especially for  
comparison or  
contrast.

# Hold the thought!!



- ✓ Trials juxtaposed with wisdom

# Ask God for WISDOM



# WISDOM



✓ One that does not  
come from heaven.

✓ One that does.

# The result of wisdom



- ✓ A good life
- ✓ Good works
- ✓ Humility

# Faith...

- ✓ Made complete by works
- ✓ Made alive and real by works

# Wisdom that does not come from above

- ✓ Earthly
- ✓ Unspiritual
- ✓ Of the Devil

Envy & Selfish ambition.



# The Devil's ways



- ✓ Works through an organized network of fallen angels
- ✓ Seeks to put thoughts in our minds
- ✓ Through temptation, accusation and deception
- ✓ Seeks to get “footholds” in our lives.

# But...



- ✓ HE IS A DEFEATED ENEMY
- ✓ WE ARE SEATED WITH CHRIST  
IN THE HEAVENLY REALMS
- ✓ WE PUT ON THE WHOLE  
ARMOUR OF GOD

# Wisdom that comes from Heaven



# Purity



✓ I won't compromise my integrity.

Prov 10 v 9. The man of integrity  
walks securely.

# Peace loving



✓ I won't antagonise you

Prov 16 v32 Better a patient man than a warrior, a man who controls his temper than one who takes a city.

# Considerate



✓ I'll think about your feelings.

Prov 15 v 4 The tongue that  
brings healing is a tree of life.

# Submissive



- ✓ I'm open to reason and allow discussion

Prov 12 v 15 A wise man listens to advice.

# Impartial and Sincere



- ✓ I'm straightforward, not hypocritical and don't hide my weaknesses.

Prov 28 v 13 He who conceals his sins does not prosper

# Wisdom....



- ✓ Followed by peace
- ✓ Juxtaposed by peace
- ✓ Wise people followed by peacemakers
- ✓ Peacemakers sowing peace with wisdom's attributes.

# Result....



✓ A harvest of righteousness.



**The Kingdom of God is justice  
and joy,  
for Jesus restores what sin  
would destroy;  
God's power and glory in Jesus  
we know,  
and here and hereafter that  
kingdom shall grow.**

**The Kingdom of God is mercy  
and grace,  
the captives are freed, the  
sinners find place,  
the outcast are welcomed God's  
banquet to share,  
and hope is awakened in place  
of despair.**

**The Kingdom of God is  
challenge and choice,  
Believe the good news, repent  
and rejoice!  
His love for us sinners  
brought Christ to his cross,  
our crisis of judgement for gain  
or for loss.**

**God's Kingdom is come, the gift  
and the goal,  
in Jesus begun, in heaven made  
whole;**

**the heirs of the kingdom shall  
answer his call  
and all things cry "Glory!" to God  
all in all.**