

James 4

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4 From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members? (Fighting between congregations; already, 10-20 years after Jesus crucifixion, there were preachers making up their own denominations and teaching from their own imaginations)

²Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not. (Preachers want to be above everyone else; egomaniacs pretending to have wisdom from God)

³Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts. (They want to be legends in their own self righteous little minds)

⁴Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God. (Adulterers and adulteresses – idolators; those who add to God's Word, or change it, usually to suit their own purposes <ego & money>) (Teaching God's Word, truthfully and unchanged will turn the world against you; just as it turned against Jesus)

⁵Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy? (Scriptures warn us – Genesis-6:5) (Lust and ego are great temptations to the flesh man)

⁶But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.

⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Luke-10:18 (Jesus gave us power over all of our enemies, including Satan)

⁸Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded. (Seek the ways of God's Word, and stay away from the ways of the world)

⁹Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness. (If you pursue the ways of the world)

¹⁰ Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up. (God will bring you true happiness and peace of mind if you follow His Word. That is His promise to us)

¹¹ Speak not evil one of another, brethren. He that speaketh evil of his brother, and judgeth his brother, speaketh evil of the law, and judgeth the law: but if thou judge the law, thou art not a doer of the law, but a judge. (Stay away from rumors and idle talk about other people. Only God is qualified to judge people to heaven or hell)

¹² There is one lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy: who art thou that judgest another? (Concentrate on your own behavior and try to do right by God) see Mathew-10:28

¹³ Go to now, ye that say, To day or to morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain: (They concentrate on worldly gains, and ignore their heavenly gains)

¹⁴ Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. (We cannot control our future in this flesh life. All we can do is to live at our best for the present; and to stay in God's Word)

¹⁵ For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that. (God is in control of the universe. HE created it; HE controls it)

¹⁶ But now ye rejoice in your boastings: all such rejoicing is evil. (Evil people rejoice in their worldly riches and power over others)

¹⁷ Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin. (If you know what to do in God's service, you need to do it)