"James #10"

James 4:1 - 6 (Pride and Humility)

Review: James 3:13 - 18 (ESV)

- **James 3:13 - 16**

V13 (NKJV) ***"Let him show by good conduct that his works are done in the meekness of wisdom."***

- **Passion Translation:** ***"Let your life be guided by wisdom's gentleness."***

V14 (ESV)… If you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts…*(Do not be arrogant and lie against the truth)*

(NKJV) Bitter envy and self-seeking in your heart…

- **V15… (KJV)** ***"This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish."***
- **Especially V16 (KJV)** ***"Where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work."***

James 3:17 (NKJV) Read

Philippians 2: 8 – 9 ***"Being found in human form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore, God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name."***

James 3:18 (ESV) Read

Another translation: ***"Peacemakers who sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness."***

Hosea 10:12 (ESV) ***"Sow for yourselves righteousness; reap steadfast love; breakup up your fallow ground, for it is time to seek the Lord, that He may come and rain righteousness upon you."***

Tonight's Study: James 4: 1 – 3 (ESV) Read…

V1 (NKJV) ***"Where do wars (battles) and fights come from among you? Do they not come from your desires for pleasure that war (battle) in your members?"***

- **V2a… All this selfishness comes from the heart… James 3:14…**

Proverbs 4:23 ***"Watch over your heart with all diligence. For from it flow the springs of life."***

Matthew 12:34 ***"You brood of vipers! How can you speak good, when you are evil? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks…"***

V's 36 – 37 ***"I tell you, on the day of judgement people will give account for every careless word they speak, for by your words you will by justified, and by your words you will be condemned."***

- **V's 2b – 3** ***"You do not have, because you do not ask… you ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions."***
- **It's not that you just don't ask…** ***"You ask for the wrong things"***

- **Here is the problem from James' perspective: Our goals are defined by the world; our lives are defined by our goals and our passions, not by God's gifts and His will.**

Text: James 4:4 – 5 (NKJV) Read

- **Friendship with the world is enmity with God!**

Enmity: Deep rooted hatred or hostility!

1 John 2:15 – 17 (NKJV) Read

Genesis 3:15

"I will put enmity between you (Saten / Serpent) and the woman (The Church / Humanity) and between your seed and her seed; He (Jesus) shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel."

- **Whoever wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God!**
- **James calls it Adultery against God… V4 *"You adulterous people!"* (Hos. 1-3)**

Romans 8:7 – 8 (NKJV) ***"The carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be, so then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God."***

V6 (ESV) ***"He yearns jealously over the spirit that He has made to dwell in us."***

- **Exodus 20:4 - 5 Read… Deuteronomy 4:23 - 24… Read**

Hebrews 12: 28 – 29 (ESV)

"Therefore, let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire."

Text: James 4:6 (NKJV) Read

Matthew 23: 12 (NKJV) ***"Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted."***

1st Peter 5:5b – 7 (ESV)

"God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble. Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time He may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on Him, because He cares for you."

Next Week… James 4:7 – 10 (NKJV) Read

- **Humility: The cure for worldliness… What does it mean to submit to God, to draw near to Him?**
- **To cleanse our hands and purify our hearts?**