

“James #11”

James 4:7 - 10 (Humility the Cure for Worldliness)

Review: James 4:1-6 (ESV)

- 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 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.*
- 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.

- James 4:4 – 6 (NKJV) Read

(Friendship with the world is enmity with God)

Enmity: Deep rooted hatred or hostility!

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.”*

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.”*

Text: James 4:7 – 8 (ESV) Read

- Submit to God... what does that look like?

V6 – 7 *“God resist the proud. But gives grace to the humble... Therefore, submit to God.”*

- Resist the devil, is that part of submitting to God?

1st Peter 5:8 – 9 (ESV) Read... **Look at the context:** V’s 5b – 7 (above in last weeks notes)

- Pride opens the door to Satan... the attacks of the Devil
- V8... *“Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.”* (How do I do that?)

2nd Chronicles 15:1 – 2 (NKJV) Read

Malachi 3:7 – 11 (NKJV) Read

- Cleanse your hands...

Isaiah 1:12 – 17 (NKJV) Read

Text: James 4:9 – 10 (ESV) Read

(NKJV) “Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom... Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.”

Isaiah 57:15 *“For thus says the High and Lofty one Who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: I dwell in the high and holy place, with him who has a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones...”*

Luke 1:46 – 55 (NKJV) Magnificat... Mary’s song of praise...