

Allen Temple Baptist Church
Sunday School Live 

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Sunday July 28, 2024.

Lesson Text: James 4:1-10

Suggested Reading: James 1-4

Title: Submit To God In Love

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INTRODUCTION

- 1). Author: James, the brother of Jesus.**
- 2). Audience: Jewish Christians at Jerusalem and other churches scattered abroad Palestine.**
- 3). Time: Approximately 40-48 AD AKA CE.**
- 4). Purpose: Addressing the behavior of the church.**

LESSON OUTLINE

- 1). A Destructive Desire (James 4:1–3)**
- 2). A Serious Self Examination (v. 4–6)**
- 3). Sincere Submission to GOD (v. 6–10)**

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

- 1). What is suggested as the causes of conflicts?**
- 2). What does it mean to engage the world but not love worldliness?**
- 3). Describe the pride that GOD opposes.**

JAMES 4:1-2 NRSV

1 What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? 2 You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God.

JAMES 4: 3 NRSV

**3. When you ask, you do not receive,
because you ask with wrong motives, that
you may spend what you get on your
pleasures.**

KEY POINTS TO REMEMBER

- 1). In their conflict, the Heart of the Matter was a Matter of their Hearts.(Vs. 1-2)
- 2). When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives. (Identify them)
- 3). What causes undying lusts for things of the world that corrupts human behavior?

JAMES 4:4 NRSV

4. You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world means enmity against God?

Therefore, anyone who chooses to be a *friend* of the world becomes an enemy of God.

JAMES 4:5-6 NRSV

5. Or do you think Scripture says without reason that he jealously longs for the spirit he has caused to dwell in us? 6. But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says:

“God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

- 1). The Spirit of the Lord dwells within us, we were chosen by GOD.**
- 2). Any lust for anyone or thing that causes ungodly behavior is spiritual adultery.**
- 3). God Wants. ALL – God Deserves All.**

JAMES 4:7-8 NRSV

7. Submit yourselves, then to God.

Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

8. Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

JAMES 4: 9-10 NRSV

9. Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom.

10. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

RECIPE FOR STRENGTH

1. SUBMIT YOURSELF TO GOD.
2. RESIST THE DEVIL.
3. GET CLOSER TO GOD.
4. DO THIS EVERYDAY.

QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

- 1). What should humility before the Lord look like today?**
- 2). Describe a biblical and social example of submission to GOD.**
- 3). God knows our hearts; He can heal pain & restore joy like no one else in the world.**

Liberating Lesson

When we look at the conflicts & ills of injustice in local, national or wars between nations, the motive is often meeting selfish desires at the expense of others. As believers we must be attentive to not satisfy ourselves in ways that marginalize, take advantage of, or harm others.

Application for Activation

- 1. HUMBLE YOURSELF BEFORE GOD.**
- 2. SUBMIT YOURSELF TO GOD**
- 2. RESIST THE DEVIL.**
- 3. GET CLOSER TO GOD. STUDY HIS WORD**
- 4. SPEAK, TEACH, PREACH & LIVE BIBLICAL TRUTH.**
- 5. STAND BOLDLY IN THE WORD OF GOD.**

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