

## **JAMES: LESSON 8**

### **VIII. PRACTICAL FAITH: KNOWING THE CAUSE AND REMEDY OF CONFLICTS (4:1-10)**

- A. Continual fighting comes from seeking to satisfy fleshly desires contrary to God's way (4:1-3).
  - 1. Lust – have not – kill
  - 2. Covet- cannot obtain – fight and war
  - 3. You do not ask
  - 4. When you do ask – receive not – ask amiss
    - a. Evil purpose: spend (waste) it in own pleasures.
  
- B. Brethren must understand that friendship of world is enmity with God (4:4-6)
  - 1. Principle evident in Scripture – Does it speak in vain?
  - 2. Holy Spirit, who abides, yearns unto jealousy for our undivided devotion.
  - 3. Scripture says (Proverbs 3:34): God resists proud – gives grace to humble.
  
- C. Requirements for friendship with God (4:7-10)
  - 1. Be subject unto God.
  - 2. Resist the devil – He will flee from you.
  - 3. Draw nigh unto God – He will draw nigh unto you.
  - 4. Cleanse hands of sin – purify hearts of double-mindedness.
  - 5. Manifest godly sorrow.
  - 6. Humble yourself in he sight of the Lord – He will exalt you.

### **QUESTIONS:**

- 1. Where did James see wars and fightings occurring?
  
- 2. What was the root cause for the fightings?
  
- 3. Give two reasons for one not receiving desires?
  
- 4. What does it mean to be a friend of the world?

