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### The unbeliever's battle...4:1-6

What does James clearly identify as the cause of fighting among these Jews (1:1)? 4:1-2

**It comes from desires, lusts that wage war in your members (Rom.6:12-13), personally.**

Does this happen in believers and unbelievers? Rom.6:12-13 Comment? see Jude 19

**To some extent, yes. Unbelievers are slaves to it, believers are not, but can 'yield' to it.**

But when they did actually ask God to supply something, why did He not give it? 4:3

**Because they asked with wrong motives. Probably selfish, envious. He looks at our heart.**

How should *believers* apply this truth today? 4:3 How do we address this? Ps.139:23

**We should self exam our hearts and invite the Lord to reveal the 'hurtful' ways in me.**

How is 4:3 applicable to *unbelieving Jews*? 4:4; Ez.16:30-34; Hosea 1:2; Mt.12:38-39

**Only the Jews are referred to as adulterous. As a nation their idolatry = adultery.**

How do we know that 4:4 is not referring to sin in a believer? Eph.2:11-22; Col.1:20, Rom.8:1

**A true believer is never said to be an enemy of God. Christ is our Peace! Always!!**

So to whom is this addressed? 1:14-17

**To those professing to be believers but having no good works (evidence) to show it.**

How does James emphasize the need for true salvation to these '*professors*'? 4:5-6

**Very difficult translation; God gives (saving) grace to the humble (only).**

### The call to salvation...4:7-10

And what is James' first admonition to those *unbelievers*? 4:7 see Is.66:2

**Submit yourself (repent) to God. Resist the devil (his control). He will flee (no authority!)**

For *believers*, what is our defense against the devil? Eph.6:10-17

**The full armor of God! It makes us able to resist (6:13), and to 'stand firm...' (6:13-14)**

What is recognized by the Jews re wash hands /purify hearts? 4:8; Jer.4:14; Ez.36:25-27

**This is ceremonial for the priests. Signified (confessing) cleansing walk, heart from sin.**

What's grieve, mourn, and wail about? 4:9 Luke 18:13; Mt.5:4; IICor.7:10 note: Lu.6:21, 25

**Grieving and mourning over our sin. Godly sorrow produces repentance to salvation!**

What is the final admonition to the *unbelievers*? 4:10; 4:6; 3:13; Is.57:15; Mt.23:12

**Humble yourself before the Lord and He will lift you up! Pride is a killer!**

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