

James 4:1-10

War and Peace

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James 4:1 - Where do wars and fights come from among you? Don't they come from your desires for pleasure that war in your members? ² You lust and don't have. You murder and covet and can't obtain. You fight and war. Yet you do not have because you do not ask.

War #1 - War with each other.

v. 4:1 - Where do wars and fights come from among you? Don't they come from your desires for pleasure that war in your members (your bodies)?

1 Cor. 3:3 - You're still worldly. You're jealous of one another and quarrel with each other. Doesn't that prove you're controlled by your sinful nature?

Galatians 5:15 - If you keep on biting and devouring one another... You'll be consumed by one another!

Ps. 133:1 - How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!

4:1 Where do wars and fights come from among you? Don't they come from your desires for pleasure that war in your members (your bodies)?

War #2 - War within yourself.

NIV - What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you?

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Ecc. 2:24 - There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and enjoy his work.. This too, I saw, is from the hand of God.

1 Tim. 6:17 - God richly gives us all things to enjoy.

Gen. 1:29 - Then God said, "Look! I have given you every seed-bearing plant throughout the earth and all the fruit trees for your food."

v. 2 - You lust and don't have. You murder and covet and can't obtain. You fight and war. Yet you don't have because you don't ask.³ You ask and don't receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures.

v. 3 - You ask and don't receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures.

War #3 - War with God.

v. 4 - Adulterers and adulteresses! Don't you know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

1 John 2:15-16 - If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father isn't in him. For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh, the desires of the eyes and pride of life—isn't from the Father but is from the world.

John 15:18 - "If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated Me first."

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The Path To Peace

1. Pray

Psalm 51:10 - Create in me a clean heart and renew a right spirit within me.

2. Submit

v. 6-7 - But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: “God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble.”⁷ Therefore submit to God.

Psalm 100:2-3 - Serve the LORD with *gladness*; come into His presence with *joyful* songs. Know that the LORD is God. It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people.

3. Regroup

v. 7-8 - *Resist* the devil and he will flee from you.⁸ *Draw near* to God and He'll draw near to you.

John Blanchard: *"There's only one view more welcome than the backside of the devil--and that's the face of God."*

4. Cleanse

Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

5. Mourn

v. 9 - Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom.

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v. 10 - Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.

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Three Ongoing Wars:

War #1 - _____.

War #2 - _____.

War #3 - _____.

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