

JAMES 17

Humble Yourself

1. The Problem Revealed

- a. The remnant were required to humiliate themselves - Mat 6:19-21, 33
- b. Rich men would hardly enter the kingdom - Mat 19:21-30
- c. The problem: they wanted to be greatest, wealthy - Mat 18:1-4
- d. Envy and strife are the result - Mat 20:21-22, 23:3-12
- e. Answer: Be humble as a child and receive a child in my name - Luke 9:44-48, 22:22-27
- f. The way in was to humble themselves, lose their life, be last - Mark 8:34-38

2. 4:1-2 - Wars and Fighting

- a. World wars come from lusts, but James is talking about strife among brethren - Mic 4
- b. The beginning murmurings: Acts 4:34, 5:1-2, 6:1
- c. Envy of riches and power turns to fighting: Jam 1:2, 1:9-15, 2:3-6, 3:1

3. 4:2-3 - Asking and Prayer

- a. "Ye ask not" - They don't ask God, they are self-willed like Ahaz Isa 7:12
- b. Peter identifies these selfwilled adulterers as well - 2 Pet 2:10, 12, 14, 15
- c. "receive not" - This is a quote from Jesus' ministry - Mat 7:7-8, Mat 21:22
- d. They could receive what they asked in prayer, if they sought God - Mat 6:33
- e. Their prayer response required obedience - Psa 37:4, John 14:13-15, 1 John 3:22
- f. Your prayer response is different, your position is not to 'ask and receive' - Eph 3:20
- g. James teaches them to ask single mindedly for God's wisdom - Jam 1:5-7
- h. To make it about prayers is selfish, the issue is doing God's will - Jam 3:17

4. 4:4-5 - The Lust of the World is to Envy

- a. The lusts are described in James 3:14-16 and 1 John 2:15-17
- b. Envy leads to death - Satan Isa 14:12-14, Adam, Joseph, Moses, Jesus Mat 27:18
- c. David and Solomon warned against this - Prov 3:31, Psalm 37:1-2, 73:3-13, 17