



# BROTHERS AT WAR

JAMES 4

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“The root cause of every war,  
internal and external, is rebellion  
against God.”

**-Warren Wiersbe**

# 1. BROTHERS AT WAR

JAMES 4:1-5

# WHERE DO THE WARS COME FROM?

For wherever there is jealousy and selfish ambition, there you will find disorder and evil of every kind.

**James 3:16 (NLT)**

# WHERE DO THE WARS COME FROM?

Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. 4 Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.

**Philippians 2:3-4**

# WHERE DO THE WARS COME FROM?

Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus...He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

**Philippians 2:5a, 8b**

# **WHERE DO THE WARS COME FROM?**

A believer must turn hatred into humility, judgment into justice, and boasting into belief.

**-The Bible Knowledge Commentary**

# **YOU ASK AMISS**

Your kingdom come. Your will be done  
On earth as it is in heaven.

**Matthew 6:10**

# YOU ASK AMISS

“When a man so prays he asks God to be his servant, and gratify his desires; nay, worse than that, he wants God to join him in the service of his lusts. He will gratify his lusts, and God shall come and help him to do it. Such prayer is blasphemous, but a large quantity of it is offered, and it must be one of the most God-provoking things that heaven ever beholds.”

**Charles Spurgeon**

# ADULTERESSES

For your Maker is your husband,  
The Lord of hosts is His name; And  
your Redeemer is the Holy One of  
Israel; He is called the God of the  
whole earth.

**Isaiah 54:5**

# ADULTERESSES

Surely, as a wife treacherously  
departs from her husband, So have  
you dealt treacherously with Me, O  
house of Israel," says the Lord.

**Jeremiah 3:20**

# **JEALOUS GOD**

for you shall worship no other god,  
for the Lord, whose name is  
Jealous, is a jealous God

**Exodus 34:14**

# 2. HEALING HUMILITY

JAMES 4:6-10



# GRACE

“Note that contrast; note it always. Observe how weak we are, how strong he is; how proud we are, how condescending he is; how erring we are, and how infallible he is; how changing we are, and how immutable he is; how provoking we are, and how forgiving he is. Observe how in us there is only ill, and how in him there is only good. Yet our ill but draws his goodness forth, and still he blesseth. Oh! What a rich contrast!”

**-Charles Spurgeon**

# GRACE

For the sin of this one man, Adam, caused death to rule over many. But even greater is God's wonderful grace and his gift of righteousness, for all who receive it will live in triumph over sin and death through this one man, Jesus Christ.

**Romans 5:17**

# GRACE

Grace and pride are eternal enemies. Pride demands that God bless me in light of my merits, whether real or imagined.

But grace will not deal with me on the basis of anything in me – good or bad – but only on the basis of who God is.

**David Guizik**

# 1. THE DEVIL WILL FLEE FROM YOU.

Significantly, James does not recommend that demons should be cast out of believers by a third party. Instead, James simply challenges individual Christians to deal with Satan as a conquered foe who can and must be personally resisted.

**David Guizik**

## 2. HE DRAWS NEAR TO YOU

Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

**Hebrews 4:16 (NASB)**

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“If he were a tyrant it might be courageous to resist, but since he is a Father it is ungrateful to rebel.”

**Charles Spurgeon**

# LAMENT AND MOURN AND WEEP!

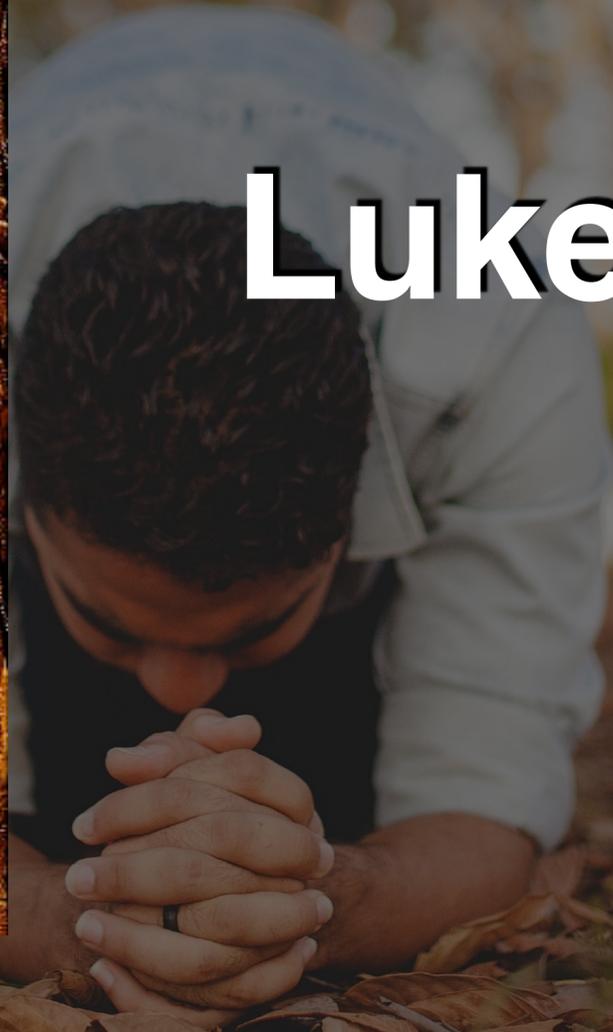
Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Romans 6:11**

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**Luke 18:10-14**



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**Romans 6:11**

A close-up photograph of a hand holding a pair of glasses. The lenses are covered in numerous small water droplets, suggesting they have been washed or are in a humid environment. The background is blurred, showing what appears to be a window or a bright outdoor area. The text is overlaid on the center of the image.

# 3. PURE PERSPECTIVE

JAMES 4:11-12

# HONEST EVALUATION

Because of the privilege and authority\* God has given me, I give each of you this warning: Don't think you are better than you really are. Be honest in your evaluation of yourselves, measuring yourselves by the faith God has given us.\* 4 Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, 5 so it is with Christ's body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other.

**Romans 12:3-5 NLT**

A close-up photograph of a hand holding a white ceramic mug filled with coffee. The coffee is dark brown, and a thick plume of white steam is rising from the mug, partially obscuring the background. The background is dark and out of focus, with some light-colored, textured elements that could be a wall or a piece of fabric. The overall lighting is soft and warm, highlighting the texture of the hand and the steam.

# 4. VAPOR VISION

JAMES 4:13-17

# VAPOR VISION

My days are like a shadow that  
lengthens, And I wither away like  
grass.

**Psalm 102:11**

# VAPOR VISION

For we were born yesterday, and  
know nothing, Because our days  
on earth are a shadow.

**Job 8:9**

# VAPOR VISION

For we are aliens and pilgrims  
before You, As were all our fathers;  
Our days on earth are as a shadow,  
And without hope.

**1 Chronicles 29:15**

# VAPOR VISION

“There are a thousand gates to death; and, though some seem to be narrow wickets, many souls have passed through them. Men have been choked by a grape stone, killed by a tile falling from the roof of a house, poisoned by a drop, carried off by a whiff of foul air. I know not what there is that is too little to slay the greatest king. It is a marvel that man lives at all.”

**Charles Spurgeon**

# VAPOR VISION

“The dangerous life is not in the will of God, but out of the will of God. The safest place in the world is right where God wants you.”

**Warren Wiersbe**

# VAPOR VISION

Yet we also see that the uncertainty of life, to which James referred to in the previous passage, should not create fear that makes one passive or inactive. The uncertainty of life should make us ready to recognize what is good and then do it.

**-David Guizik**

# LOVE

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another.

35 By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

**John 13:34–35**

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