

James
Chapter 4:1-10

Chapter 1: Spiritual maturity is born in suffering

Chapter 2: Spiritual maturity is evidenced in action

Chapter 3: Spiritual maturity is heard and spoken in word

Chapter 4: Spiritual maturity resist the devil and draws near to God

Chapter 5: Spiritual maturity prays and gathers others

Deep Church troubles - long standing, deep seated spiritual sickness

- What causes quarrels - chronic war campaign, an outward long term battle
- What causes fights among you - battles that are inward/inside short term related
- Passions at war - hot burning, that are mainly riches & pleasures of this life
- Unity is lost when I give in to my passions and you give into your passions
- Desire and do not have - desire, long for because you ask, crave, require improperly
- Covet and cannot obtain - hotly desire to possess but ask with wrong passions
- Spend - incur expense, in a bad way for waste or squander on your passions
- Passion cannot be the Church's guiding principle, trouble will be there end
- This is not true zeal for God but lust for this world that brought division, sick/illness

The real problem & cure for spiritual sickness

- Adulterous people (not brothers) - not acting like family, but selfishly
- Unfaithfulness to God, you do not consult with God but consult with yourself only
- Your view and inclinations are your guide, prayers are spoiled & rejected
- Friendship with the world is loving it and receiving love from the world, not the Father
- This is enmity - active hostility and treason to God, hatred in opposition in your hearts
- Preference in choosing against what God has provided and desires for you
- He yearns - strong desire to take up one's dwelling by spirit as inhibitor
- This spirit He gives is stronger than my natural base desires, more grace
- Grace that has more power to correct the throne and mind, a cure for sick/illness

The hard purging of spiritual sickness

- Submit - align oneself under authority, yield to another, our passions die/rejected
- Resist - take a stand against, oppose or go to war against the devil not each other
- How do I resist - draw near/join to another to God and He will draw in to you
- Our true enemy will flee to shelter of his hiddenness, our direction/orientation changes
- Cleanse - free oneself from external defilements, a shedding or setting aside
- Purify - step into purification in a ceremonial/vow inwardly for the heart
- Double - minded, a division of interest between God and this world, obey vs. passions
- Wretched - choose to undergo surgery/hardship, feel miserable, be afflicted/toil heavily
- Mourn - grieve, sit in it a while, weigh it, consider, feel and think deeply on your adultery
- Weep - Ache in the heart leads to tears in the eye, purge what is in out of the body
- Humble yourself before God, make yourself low, Passion repurposed to God's desires
- Understand your low position in light of God's holiness
- God will exalt, raise in dignity and honor because of Jesus's jealous grace to you
- Matt 5:27-30, Matt 7:7-11