

The Cause of Conflict?

James 4: 1 "What causes **fights** and **quarrels** among you? Don't they come from your <u>desires</u> that <u>battle</u> <u>within you?</u>

2 You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight.

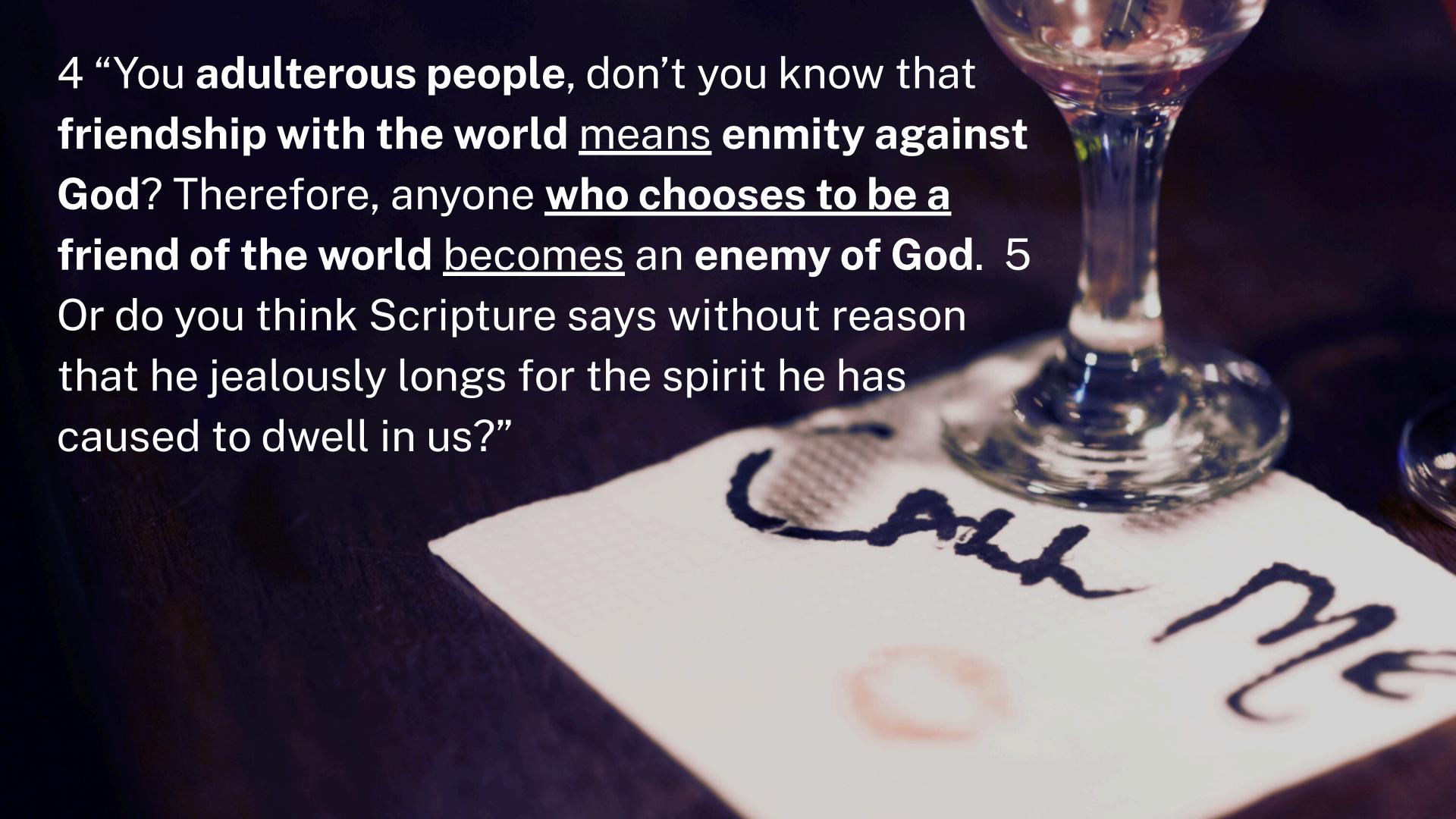
Genesis 4: 6 "Then the Lord said to Cain, "Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? 7 If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it." 8 Now Cain said to his brother Abel, "Let's go out to the field." While they were in the field, <u>Cain</u> attacked his brother Abel and killed him."





The Cure for Conflict

You do not have because <u>you do not ask God</u>. 3 When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with **wrong motives**, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures."



Spiritual adultery

- Friendship with the world
- Being polluted buy the world
- Loving the world
- Conformed to the world

Hosea 3:1 "The Lord said to me, "Go, show your love to your wife again, though she is loved by another man and is an adulteress. Love her as the Lord loves the Israelites, though they turn to other gods and love the sacred raisin cakes."

6 "But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says:

"God opposes the proud
but shows favor to the humble."

7 **Submit** yourselves, then, <u>to God</u>. **Resist** <u>the devil</u>, and he will flee from you.

8 Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. 9 Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. 10 Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up."



Which Wisdom are you Seeking?