

“A Need for Nearness”

James 4:1-10 Study Guide

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Overview of James

• **Author:** James

Date Written: 45-50 AD

Themes of James:

- Practical Faith
- Addresses subject of Trials, Temptation, the Tongue, Togetherness, True Religion, Time Management/Awareness, and Trusting God

Breakdown of James:

- 108 Verses in the book of James
- 54 Imperative verbs found throughout

I. Reasons for Conflict

- **Key Word:** Pleasure - “hēdonē” - Selfish pleasure that is fleshly and sensual in nature. Pleasure that is sought, and at the same time apathetic to others' well-being.

II. Rebuke for Behavior

III. Remedy for the Issue

Verses Referenced: Matthew 6:24, 1 John 2:15-17

Questions for Reflection and Discussion:

- 1. This section calls the reader to look inward at the flesh nature and its desires for pleasure and self exaltation. Is this something that is new for you to find out, or did James just remind you of this fact? ***Discuss answer and then link with question 2.***

- 2. Whether something new, or a reminder, do you find yourself looking outward for blame when it comes to conflict, and not inwardly?

- 3. James exhorts to nearness to the Lord as a remedy for worldliness and contentions. In what practical ways can you draw near to God daily?

- 4. James also says that we can resist the devil, and he will flee from us. In what ways can we practically resist the devil so as to not fall into traps of sin he sets for us?

This week, re-read James 4:1-10 and pray through the truths you find while reading. Find someone to discuss these chapters with, and share the word with someone you don't know as well.

Notes:

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