

James 4:1-12

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Week 8

War is a fact of life, in spite of treaties, world peace organizations etc. Not only are there wars between nations, but there are wars of one kind or another on almost every level of life - even "gas wars" among gas stations. James discussed this important theme of war in this paragraph, and he explained that there are three wars going on in the world. He also told how these wars could be stopped.

How to End Wars

I. At War with _____ (4:1a, 11-12)

James mentioned several different kinds of disagreements among Christians:

- _____ wars (2:1-9)
- _____ wars (5:1-6)
- _____ fights (1:19-20, 3:13-18)
- _____ wars (4:11-12)

Why are we at war with one another? We belong to the same family; we trust the same Savior; we are indwelt by the same Holy Spirit - and yet we fight one another. Why? James answered this question by explaining the second war that is going on.

II. At War with _____ (4:1b-3)

The _____ in the _____ is helping to cause the _____ in the church!

- The essence of sin is _____.
- We often veil our religious quarrels under the guise of _____.
- _____ are dangerous things. They lead to _____.

James stated the reason we are at war with ourselves and, consequently, with each other -

III. At War with _____ (4:4-10)

- The _____ cause of every war, internal or external, is _____ against God.

James named three enemies that we must not fraternize with if we want to be at peace with God:

- The _____ (v4)
- The _____ (vs1,5)
- The _____ (vs 6-7)

James Gave us three instructions to follow if we would enjoy peace instead of war:

- _____ to God (v7)
- _____ to God (v8)
- _____ before God (vs9-10)

*The result of righteousness will be peace;
the effect of righteousness
will be quiet confidence forever.
Isaiah 32:17*