



MZBMP

Title: Wars and Fightings (part 1) - The Three Sources of Wars and Fightings (4:1-5)

Text: James 4:1-5

“4:1 From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members? 2 Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not. 3 Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts. 4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God. 5 Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy?”

Pagsasalin: Saan nagmumula ang mga digmaan at saan nagmumula ang mga pag-aaway sa inyo? Hindi ba mula sa inyong mga kalayawan na nakikipaglaban sa inyong mga sangkap? 2 Kayo'y naghahangad, at kayo'y wala; kayo'y pumapatay at kayo'y nag-iimbot at kayo'y hindi nagkakamit. Kayo'y nag-aaway at nagdidigmaan. Kayo'y wala, sapagkat hindi kayo humihingi. 3 Kayo'y humihingi, at hindi tumatanggap, sapagkat humihingi kayo sa masamang dahilan, upang gugulin ninyo ito sa inyong mga kalayawan. 4 Mga mangangalunya! Hindi ba ninyo nalalaman na ang pakikipagkaibigan sa sanlibutan ay pakikipag-away sa Diyos? Kaya't sinumang nagnanais na maging kaibigan ng sanlibutan ay nagiging kaaway ng Diyos. 5 O iniisip ba ninyo na walang kabuluhan ang sinasabi ng kasulatan na, Ang espiritu na pinatira niya sa atin ay naganansa na may paninibugho?

Introduction:

1. With more questions – Pastor James is causing the Jerusalem Baptist church members and other sister churches to think about their present spiritual condition – Christians are in a battle between the world, and the flesh. (Worldliness and Selfishness are battle grounds that the Christian must win against – through the power of the Holy Spirit of God – the Spirit of Wisdom!).
2. The worldly and selfish Christian is SELF-CENTERED – But the surrendered Christian is GOD-CENTERED.
3. Wars and Fightings come from three sources identified by Pastor James:

I. They Come from Lusts: (v.1) (Titus 3:3; Rom. 7:23; 1 Pet. 2:11)

- A. “Lusts” – personal and inordinate desires.
- B. “Ye lust” – to desire. – have (to hold) not.
- C. “Ye kill” – to commit murder.
- D. “Ye desire to have” – to be zealous. – but cannot obtain (to attain or to get).
- E. “Ye fight” (quarrel) and war (to carry on warring/fighting) – but have not.

II. They Come from a Lack of Prayer: (v.2-3)

- A. “Ye have not because ye ask not” (v.2) (Matt. 7:7 – spirit of humility and for God’s glory).
- B. “Ye ask and receive not because ye ask amiss (improperly or wrongly) (1 Jn. 5:14).
- C. “to consume (use wrongly) it upon your lusts (pleasures).

III. They Come from a League with the World: (vv.4-5)

- A. “Ye adulterers and adulteresses” (v.4) – one who is faithless towards God. (Mt. 12:39; 16:4).
 - A.1. Friendship of the world – addictedness or devotion to the world-system.
 - A.2. Enmity with God? – enmity – deep hatred between two people. Hostile.
- B. “Ye are” “the enemy of God” (v.4). (1 Jn. 2:15) – kapag interesado ka sa mga bagay na tutol sa Dios.
- C. “Ye are” indwelt with the spirit (attitude) that lusts to envy (v.5).

Conclusion:

1. Our evil lusts within our flesh tends to create wars and fightings between us.
2. Watch out about a lack of prayer and praying amiss.
3. Watch out about being in league with the World-system.
4. These all results in wars and fightings among us.