

Bible Study Handout: James 4:1-10 (NKJV)

Opening Prayer:

Heavenly Father, we come before You with humble hearts, seeking wisdom and understanding from Your Word. Open our minds to receive Your truth, convict our hearts where we need change, and draw us closer to You. Help us to submit to Your will and resist the temptations of the world. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Scripture Passage: James 4:1-10 (NKJV)

- 1** Where do wars and fights come from among you? Do they not come from your desires for pleasure that war in your members?
- 2** You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. Yet you do not have because you do not ask.
- 3** You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures.
- 4** Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.
- 5** Or do you think that the Scripture says in vain, "The Spirit who dwells in us yearns jealously"?
- 6** But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble."
- 7** Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.
- 8** Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.
- 9** Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom.
- 10** Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.

Discussion & Reflection

- 1. What are the causes of conflicts among people, according to James 4:1-3?**
- 2. Why does James warn against friendship with the world (v. 4)?**
- 3. What does it mean that God "resists the proud but gives grace to the humble" (v. 6)?**
- 4. What are the two key commands in verse 7, and what is the promise that follows?**
- 5. How can we actively "draw near to God" in our daily lives (v. 8)?**
- 6. What does it mean to humble ourselves before the Lord, and what is the result (v. 10)?**

Fill in the Blanks

1. “You ask and do not receive, because you ask _____, that you may spend it on your pleasures.” (v. 3)
2. “Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an _____ of God.” (v. 4)
3. “God resists the _____, but gives grace to the humble.” (v. 6)
4. “Resist the _____, and he will flee from you.” (v. 7)
5. “Draw near to God and He will _____ to you.” (v. 8)
6. “Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will _____ you up.” (v. 10)

Application & Personal Reflection

- What worldly desires or distractions do you need to surrender to God?
- In what ways can you practice humility before God this week?
- How can you actively resist the devil and draw nearer to God in your daily life?

Closing Prayer:

Heavenly Father, thank You for the wisdom of Your Word. Help us to resist the temptations of the world and submit fully to You. Give us the strength to draw near to You daily and to walk humbly in Your sight. May we seek Your will above all else and trust in Your promise to lift us up. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Memory Verse:

“Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.” – James 4:7 (NKJV)