

Strife/Division - Causes and Solutions

Sunday AM 10/11/20

Introduction:

We are living in turbulent times with a lot of social unrest. Why is this happening? What is going on?

I) Old Testament Examples

A) **Individuals**

1. Cain killed _____, Genesis 4. Why? _____ **1 John 3:11 -12.**
2. Lamech committed murder. Why? _____ **Genesis 4:23 -24**
3. Servants of Abraham and Lot were divided, Genesis 13.1-10. Why?

B) **Land of Canaan with tribal warfare**

1. Each city had its own king and, more like war lords.
2. Genesis 14.1-10 describes a civil war between a number of kings with Lot being taken captive. **Genesis 14:11 -12**
3. The Gibeonites were in danger from their _____ **Joshua 10:1 -4**

C) **Time of Judges**

1. Persecution of Israel was due to _____ **Judges 3:12 ;4.1.**
3. Israel's sins included _____
 - a. Abimelech -- **Judges 9:4 -5, 45**
4. Jephthah's vow in which his daughter was to be _____ chapter 11
5. Samson and Delilah, a _____, 16.1.
6. Tribe of Benjamin almost destroyed due _____ chapters 19-20.

D) **Israel's internal strife , Jeremiah 22:17**

II) New Testament

A) **Jews were divided** _____

B) **Jews** _____ **Acts 10:24 -28**

1. Division caused by the Law of Moses and the Gentiles turning away from God.
2. Gentiles did not trust Jews. **Matthew 23:16**

E) **Even in the** _____

1. See internal division and strife at Corinth.
2. Book of James, **James 4:1 -4**
3. Where did all this come from? Why? _____.

III) Solutions

A) _____ **James 4:5 -7**

1. What is His will in regards to these things? _____ **Matthew 5:43 -48, James 1:19 -20**

B) _____, **John 17:20 -21**

1. Imagine a world without murder/envy/strife/war/etc.
2. We cannot because of the effects of sin.
3. As individuals we can be what Jesus prayed for. **1 Corinthians 6:9 -11**

Conclusion:

While a lot of people are pointing out the problems around us, I don't see many working on the solutions. You can either be a part of the problem or the solution, it is up to you.