

# James 4

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## **Warning Against Worldliness**

<sup>1</sup> From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members?

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.

<sup>4</sup> 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.

<sup>5</sup> Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy?

<sup>6</sup> But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.

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## **Submit to God**

<sup>7</sup> Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

<sup>8</sup> Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.

<sup>9</sup> Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness.

**10** Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.

**11** Speak not evil one of another, brethren. He that speaketh evil of his brother, and judgeth his brother, speaketh evil of the law, and judgeth the law: but if thou judge the law, thou art not a doer of the law, but a judge.

**12** There is one lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy: who art thou that judgest another?

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### Boasting About Tomorrow

**13** Go to now, ye that say, To day or to morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain:

**14** Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.

**15** For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that.

**16** But now ye rejoice in your boastings: all such rejoicing is evil.

**17** Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.

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## HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

### God — Θεός (Theos)

God

The Greek **Theos** (Θεός) refers to deity, used both for the one true God and false gods. Context determines whether it denotes the Father specifically or the Godhead generally.

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### Grace — χάρις (Charis)

Grace, favor

The Greek **charis** (χάρις) denotes unmerited divine favor—God's kindness toward the undeserving. Salvation is 'by grace through faith' (Ephesians 2:8), not human merit.

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**Law — νόμος (Nomos)****Law**

The Greek **nomos** (νόμος) denotes law—particularly the Mosaic law. While believers are not under law but under grace (Romans 6:14), Christ fulfilled the law (Matthew 5:17) and wrote it on believers' hearts (Hebrews 8:10).

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**Lord — Κύριος (Kurios)****Lord, Master**

The Greek **Kurios** (Κύριος) means 'lord' or 'master,' used both for human masters and divinely for God the Father and Jesus Christ. Its application to Jesus affirms His deity, as it translates YHWH in the Septuagint.

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**Save — σώζω (Sozo)****To save, deliver, heal**

The Greek **sozo** (σώζω) means to save—deliverance from sin, death, and judgment. 'Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved' (Acts 16:31). The word also encompasses physical healing and spiritual wholeness.

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**Sin — ἁμαρτία (Hamartia)****Sin, missing the mark**

The Greek **hamartia** (ἁμαρτία) means sin—missing the target of God's perfection. 'All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God' (Romans 3:23), requiring Christ's atoning sacrifice.

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**Spirit — πνεῦμα (Pneuma)****Spirit, wind, breath**

The Greek **pneuma** (πνεῦμα) means spirit, wind, or breath—the immaterial aspect of persons. The Holy Spirit (Pneuma Hagion) is the third person of the Trinity, dwelling in believers.

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**CROSS REFERENCES**


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**James 4:1**

**Parallel theme:** James 1:14; 4:3; Jeremiah 17:9; Romans 7:23; 8:7; Galatians 5:17; Colossians 3:5; 1 Peter 1:14; 2:11; 2 Peter 3:3

**James 4:2** **Parallel theme:** James 1:5; John 4:10; 16:24

**James 4:3** **Parallel theme:** James 4:1; Job 35:12; Proverbs 15:8; 21:13; 21:27; Micah 3:4; Zechariah 7:13; Mark 10:38; 1 John 3:22; 5:14

**James 4:4** **References God:** James 1:27; Hosea 3:1; Matthew 6:24; Romans 5:10; 8:7; Galatians 1:10. **Parallel theme:** Matthew 16:4; John 7:7; 15:19; 17:14

**James 4:5** **Parallel theme:** Genesis 8:21; Psalms 37:1; 2 Corinthians 6:16; Titus 3:3. **Spirit:** Numbers 11:29; 1 Corinthians 6:19

### **James 4:6**

**Parallel theme:** Job 22:29; Psalms 138:6; Proverbs 18:12; 22:4; 29:23; Isaiah 2:17; Matthew 23:12; Luke 14:11. **Grace:** Proverbs 3:34; 1 Peter 5:5

**James 4:7** **Evil:** Ephesians 4:27. **References God:** 2 Chronicles 30:8; Psalms 66:3; Romans 10:3; Ephesians 5:21; 1 Peter 5:6. **Parallel theme:** Job 1:21; Matthew 11:29; Hebrews 12:9; 1 Peter 2:13

**James 4:8** **Parallel theme:** 2 Chronicles 15:2; Psalms 145:18; Jeremiah 4:14; Zechariah 1:3; Malachi 3:7; Hebrews 10:22; 1 John 3:3. **References God:** Psalms 51:10; Hebrews 7:19. **Sin:** Ezekiel 18:31

### **James 4:9**

**Parallel theme:** Job 30:31; Psalms 119:67; 119:71; Proverbs 14:13; Jeremiah 31:9; Ezekiel 7:16; 16:63; Matthew 5:4; Luke 6:25; 16:25

**James 4:10** **References Lord:** Psalms 27:6; 147:6. **Parallel theme:** 1 Samuel 2:9; Job 22:29; Psalms 113:7; Matthew 23:12; Luke 1:52; 14:11; 18:14; 1 Peter 5:6

### **James 4:11**

**Evil:** Psalms 140:11; 1 Peter 2:1. **Judgment:** James 5:9; Luke 6:37; Romans 2:1; 1 Corinthians 4:5; 2 Corinthians 12:20; Ephesians 4:31. **Parallel theme:** 1 Timothy 3:11; 2 Timothy 3:3

### **James 4:12**

**Judgment:** James 5:9; Romans 2:1; 14:4; 14:13. **Parallel theme:** Matthew 10:28; Luke 12:5; Romans 9:20. **Salvation:** Isaiah 33:22; Hebrews 7:25. **Word:** Job 38:2

**James 4:13** **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 27:1; Ecclesiastes 2:1; Isaiah 24:2

### **James 4:14**

**Parallel theme:** James 1:10; Psalms 39:5; 89:47; 102:3; Isaiah 38:12; 1 Peter 1:24; 4:7; 1 John 2:17

**James 4:15** **References Lord:** Proverbs 19:21; Lamentations 3:37; 1 Corinthians 4:19; 16:7. **Parallel theme:** Acts 18:21; Romans 1:10; 15:32; Hebrews 6:3

## James 4:16

**Parallel theme:** James 3:14; Psalms 52:1; Proverbs 25:14; 27:1; 1 Corinthians 5:6; Revelation 18:7. **Evil:** Psalms 52:7; Isaiah 47:10

## James 4:17

**Sin:** John 9:41; 15:22; Romans 7:13. **Parallel theme:** John 13:17; Romans 1:32; 2 Peter 2:21

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