

**FOR THE BROTHERS:
A STUDY IN THE EPISTLES OF JAMES, JOHN, JUDE
AMEN BIBLE STUDY 2016-2017**

**James: Forsaking the World, the Flesh, the Devil
James 4:1-17
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- :1-2a **I. Our divisions are caused by selfish passions.**
 cf. Romans 7:23; James 3:16; I Peter 2:11
- :2b-5 **II. Our sinful passions reflect disharmony with God.**
:2b A. We fail to pray.
 cf. Matthew 7:7-11; 18:19; 21:22; John 14:13; 15:7, 16; 16:23, 24; I John 3:22; 5:14, 15
- :3 B. God doesn't answer.
 cf. Psalm 66:18; Proverbs 28:9; Isaiah 59:2
- :4 C. We are unfaithful.
 cf. Jeremiah 2:20; 3:6-10; Hosea 1:2; Matthew 6:24; I John 2:15, 16; 5:19
- :5 D. We deny our regenerate character.
 cf. I Corinthians 6:11, 19
- :6-17 **III. The solution to our disharmony with God is humility.**
:6 A. God gives grace to the humble.
 cf. Proverbs 3:34; I Peter 5:5
- :7-9 B. Humility demands obedience to God.
- :7 1. Allegiance
 cf. Ephesians 6:10-17
- :8a 2. Intimacy
 cf. Malachi 3:7; Mark 3:14
- :8b 3. Holiness
 cf. Leviticus 11:44a; 20:7,8; I Peter 1:14-16
- :9 4. Sorrow for sin
 cf. Joel 2:12-17
- :10 C. Humility leads to exaltation.
 cf. Psalm 18:27; I Peter 5:6
- :11-17 D. Lack of humility leads to great sin.
- :11, 12 1. Defamation
- :11a a. It is unbrotherly.

- :11b b. It is unlawful.
- :12 c. It is ungodly.
 cf. Matthew 5:22; 7:1, 2; Romans 12:3; 14:13; Galatians 6:1; Philippians 2:3, 4
- :13-17 2. Presumption
- :14a a. We don't know.
 cf. Deuteronomy 29:29
- :14b b. We won't last.
 cf. Psalm 90:3-12; Luke 12:13-21
- :15 c. We aren't the Lord.
 cf. Acts 18:21
- :16 d. We are arrogant.
 cf. I Corinthians 4:7; Galatians 6:14
- :17 e. We are without excuse.
 cf. Luke 12:47; II Peter 2:21