***In Times Like These - James, Peter, John, Jude***

**Lesson 5**

**Pride, Pride, Pride**

 Read James 4

 Memory Work: James 4:7,8 (more if you are able)

 1.a. Where do wars and fights come from?

 b. What is the root sin that God hates?

 c. Where are the above conceived? Jeremiah 17:9.

 2. When we ask God for things, why don’t we receive what we ask for? Verse 3.

 3.a Why is friendship with the world the same as hatred toward God? James 4:4; Luke 16:13; I John 2:

 15-17.

 b. Why did James call them “adulterers and adulteresses?”

 c. How does it affect you to know that God considers your pursuit of selfish goals to be adultery?

 4. What is meant by the statement that “the Spirit who dwells in us yearns jealously?” James 4:5; Exodus 20:5.

 5. What do the following commands have to do with pride and humility?

 a. “Submit (yourselves) to God.” James 4:7

 b. ”Resist the devil.” James 4:7.

 c. “Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.” James 4:8.

 d. “Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double minded.”

 6.a. What is pride and why does God oppose the proud? James 4:9,10. Also Proverbs 6:16-19.

 b. What do you have to give up in order to submit to God?

 7.a. What does it mean to resist the devil? See I Corinthians 10:13.

 b. Why would we need to cleanse our hands and purify our hearts? James 4:8; I John 1:9.

 c. What is meant by being double-minded and how does a person become double-minded? James 1:6-8

 8.a. What does it mean to “curse” someone? See a dictionary.

 b. Why are we commanded not to engage in this activity? James 4:11.

 c. Why would this be judging God’s law?

 d. Who, only, has the right to judge? II Timothy 4:1.

Think about e. What should you do if someone curses someone in your presence?

 f. How is constructive criticism different from cursing or slandering?

 g. If we curse or slander the brethren, how are we like the people of Revelation 12:10? Read Revelation

 12:7-11. . .who is this “accuser?”

 9.a. What attitude is the Lord putting his finger on in James 4:13.

 b. How does James 4:13 demonstrate pride? See verse 14.

 c. Why are we reminded that our life is but a vapor?

 d. What does God want us to say instead? Verse 15. See also Proverbs 16:9.

 10. What sin is pictured in James 4:17? See also Luke 12:16-21.