

4:1 Where do wars and fights come from among you? Do they not come from your desires for pleasure that war in your members?

4:2 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.

4:3 You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures.

4:4 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.

4:5 Or do you think that the Scripture says in vain, "The Spirit who dwells in us yearns jealously"?

4:6 But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble."

4:7 Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

4:8 Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

4:9 Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom.

4:10 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.

From today's sermon

Sometimes words that seem harsh can work as good medicine for the body and soul if they are accepted with humility.

The heart of man has become unclean and no longer reveals God's will because of man's insatiable desire. From within that heart, evil words come out, hurting people and causing battles and strife.

It is the unfaithful one. Do you not know that to be a friend of the world is to be hostile to God? He who wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. These are not words of curse or farewell.

God loves the spirit that dwells in us to the point of envy.

Dwelling Holy Spirit is a word for the saved Christian. For those who have been saved but have fallen so far and are so far from God, God still sends His Holy Spirit even to such a heart that reeks of death and ruins. And He is watching the Holy Spirit who is sent and works hard with anxious, jealous, and impatient hearts. He even generously allows His precious Holy Spirit to dwell in our hearts.

That is why you should obey God and stand up to the devil. "Therefore, obey God, stand

against the devil, and draw near to God. Draw near to God. Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you.

God has always been close to us. Here is God's love. Sorrow and sorrow are fleeting. We want to wait for God.

Good morning everyone, only 10 days left in October, and I wonder if New Year's postcards will go on sale in 10 days. It is getting colder and colder. I hope you are all doing well.

We have only two chapters left in the book of James.

In chapter 3, we are given a deeper look into our hearts through the Bible in the area of controlling our tongues. In our hearts there is a world of unrighteousness that speaks loudly without wisdom and brings misery as a small fire consumes the whole forest, we have a heart root full of uncontrollable evil and deadly poison that defiles our whole body and burns the wheels of survival, we harbor bitter envy and partisanship, things that are of the earth and of the flesh, The Bible has shown us that demonic things are seething in our hearts.

And chapter 4. In today's passage, too, there is God's surgical work to plumb the depths of our hearts.

1 Where do the fights and strife among you come from? It is not from elsewhere. Is it not from the lust that fights in your limbs?

The fighting and strife among you. Sparring and clashing. Controversy and confrontation. Arguments and confrontations. Feuds. Battles. Wars. What is the cause of it all? The Bible speaks of the root of the battles and strife between people and nations that we have been unable to overcome for thousands of years.

It is not other than that. Is it not from lusts that fight against each other in your limbs?

It is the pleasure, the pleasure, the desire that comes from every part of our bodies.

Desire oozes from the human body. It is a human instinct that is sometimes necessary for survival. To eat, to drink, to be warm, to cool off, to rest, to work. These physical needs nourish our lives and keep us alive. But the desires here are desires that fight each other in the body.

As verse 5 says, "God loves the spirit that dwells in us to the point of envy," it is clear that the "you" spoken of today is addressed to us Christians.

By "the lusts that war in the body" we mean the old lusts that wage war in us who are saved, and the demonic enticements that reassert themselves in us who are saved and renewed.

Romans 12:2 Do not compromise with the world. But be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may know what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect in all things.

1 Peter 4:1 For as Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves with the same resolve. For whoever has suffered in the flesh has escaped sin.

4:2 That he might spend the rest of his life in the flesh, not according to the lusts of men, but according to the will of God.

4:3 In former days ye indulged yourselves in lust, lust, drunkenness, revelry, revelry, carousing, and idolatry, according to the tastes of the Gentiles; but now it is enough for you.

4:4 Now they are amazed and scornful because you have not joined them in their excesses.

2 Ye shall devour, but ye shall not obtain. Then you kill, but you do not get. 3 You desire, but cannot obtain. Then ye fight and fight. Ye seek not, and ye shall not get.

God, through the atonement of the precious blood of His Son Jesus Christ, has delivered us from the depths and from the desires of men, which have no bounds, and has translated us into His peace.

1 John 2:15 Do not love the world and the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

2:16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of possessions, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

2:17 The world and the lusts of the world pass away. But he who does the will of God abides forever.

John 14:26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I have spoken.

14:27 I leave you peace. I will leave my peace with you, and I will give you my peace. I will give you my peace, and it will be different from that which the world gives. And be not

troubled, neither be ye dismayed: for I am with you always, even unto the end of the age.

Colossians 1:13 For God hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the dominion of his dear Son.

1:14 For by him we have redemption through his Son, the forgiveness of sins.

John 3:18 He that believeth on him shall not be judged. He who does not believe has already been judged. For they will not believe in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

3:19 The judgment is that the light has come into the world, and men have loved darkness rather than light because of their wickedness.

3:20 For all who do evil hate the light. And they will not come to the light, lest their deeds should be brought to light.

3:21 But he who is doing the truth will come to the light. 3:21 But he who is doing the truth will come to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, which are done in God.

Light is the chance for salvation that saves us. Salvation is not a life of avoiding the glare and escaping into the shadows, but when we cast aside our concealments and step out into the light. We try so hard to hold on to and cling to the things that look beautiful, to the glorious treasures that please us, the attractive things we consider dear to us, but that devouring drives us to our doom. We must control the lusts and covetousness that come up to us to wage war against us and to close our hearts.

2 You devour, but you do not get. So you kill people. You desire, but you cannot have. Then you fight and fight. You do not get because you do not ask.

The greed leads us to do the deeds of sin. Greed drives us to endless desire, to the desire to get what we want, even if it means killing and robbing. Killing not only means literally taking a person's life, but also bringing a person lower than oneself, smearing one's face, humbling one, talking down one, insulting one, oppressing one, despising one, and so on. He wants to show himself to be the superior one, to bring others to their knees, to make himself superior to them. Such a passion exists in us. Just as there was this zeal among the disciples and they were rebuked by the Lord, "You are not worthy.

Matthew 20:20 Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came to Jesus with her children and

knelt down and asked him for something.

20:21 Then Jesus said to her, "What do you want me to do?" She said, "Give me a word that these two sons of mine may sit in your kingdom, one on your right and one on your left.

20:22 Jesus answered and said to her, "You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink of the cup that I am about to give you? They answered, "Yes, we can.

20:23 Jesus said to them, "Indeed, you will drink from my cup. But it is not mine to make you sit at my right hand and my left, but only those who are prepared by my Father.

20:24 When the ten heard this, they were indignant over these two brothers.

20:25 Then Jesus called them together and said, "As you know, the rulers of the Gentiles rule over their people, and the great ones wield power over them.

20:26 And it shall not be so among you. But whosoever wills to be great among you, let him be a servant; and whosoever wills to be great among you, let him be a servant,

20:27 He who wants to be a leader among you must be a servant.

20:28 For just as the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Philippians 2:1 Therefore if ye have any exhortation by Christ, any encouragement of love, any fellowship of the Spirit, any fervent love and mercy,

2:2 Be ye of the same mind, and of the same love; be ye of one mind, and of one heart, and of one mind, and ye shall fill me with joy.

2:3 Do not do anything out of partisanship or vanity, but in humility of mind make one another better than yourselves.

2:4 Consider not yourselves only, but also others.

2:5 Let the same mind be in you that is in Christ Jesus.

2:6 For though Christ was in the form of God, do not consider equality with God a thing to be adhered to; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is good and acceptable and perfect in the sight of God,

2:7 Instead, He humiliated Himself and took the form of a servant, taking the form of a man.

2:8 And he abased himself, and was not like unto man,

2:8 He humbled Himself, and was obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

2:9 Therefore God exalted him, and gave him a name above every name.

2:10 For at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, of things in heaven, and things on earth, and things under the earth,

2:11 And that every tongue may confess, "Jesus Christ is Lord," and give glory to God the Father.

To have the mind of the Lord Jesus is the salvation of light for us. We are quickly and immediately lured into darkness. And by our weakness we sometimes cannot resist it. But we must control it.

2 Ye shall devour, but ye shall not obtain. So you kill people. You long for it, but you cannot have it. Then you fight and fight. You do not get because you do not ask.

3 You ask and do not receive, because you ask in an evil way, trying to use it for pleasure.

We tend to be caught up in desires that only think of ourselves and disregard others, as if we are ashamed to ask God. If we want something, we should proudly ask God for it, but we harbor in our hearts a desire that is in the wrong motive that we cannot put before God. It is contrary to His will, it is not to be wished for, and we hold a selfish desire that grieves God and disturbs His family circle, but we are unable to give it up, and we go forward with the wrong motive, and we go forward with a bad desire. That is how powerful are the pleasures that wage war in our hearts.

4 It is because of unfaithfulness. Do you not know that to be a friend of the world is to be hostile to God? He who wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

The reprobate. The double-minded who disobey God. It is condemned here in a strong tone that to be a friend of the world is to be an enemy of God. Yes, we are divided and suffer from this double-mindedness. Do we see in these words the face of God's anger?

5 Or do we think that it is vain words when the Bible says, "God loves the spirit that dwells in us to the point of envy"?

God's face is the face of sorrow. Even after Jesus died as a substitute and became our redeemer, human beings still do not respond to His costly grace, and even after being saved, they still think only of themselves and others, without thinking of God. Yet God still allows His Holy Spirit to dwell among such unworthy, ungrateful, and unrighteous people.

Romans 8:26 The Spirit likewise helps me, who am weak. For we know not how to pray, but

the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groans of longing which words cannot express.

8:27 And He who searches the hearts of men knows what the mind of the Spirit is. For the Spirit makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

And yet, the Holy Spirit still grieves the Holy Spirit for those of us who have a two-sided love, a two-sided love for God, a two-sided love for those who cannot boil, who hold in their hearts things that do not please God with a foul odor, who groan and suffer and pray, but God the Father loves us envyingly and is looking longingly within us for His own Spirit, who prays and intercedes with patience. God the Father loves us so much that He is jealous of His Spirit, who prays and intercedes for us so earnestly. God's love that goes to such lengths for us, even at this late stage of our lives. It also expresses God's jealous love for each one of us. God watches our steps with a heart full of envy and love toward those unenlightened Christians who are lured by lust into all kinds of evil because we are the Bride of Christ.

6 But God gives more and more grace. For "God turns away the proud, and gives grace to the humble.

No, God is waiting to give us grace. We cannot find grace that surpasses God's grace anywhere in the world.

7 Therefore, obey God. 7 Therefore, obey God, and stand against the devil, and he will flee from you. Then he will flee from you.

We are happy to be near God. To be with Him is the true place of man, and to have our hearts filled by Him is our true nature. There is love, righteousness, justice, life, and blessing. The devil cannot come near us in the slightest.

8 Draw near to God. Then God will draw near to you, and He will draw near to you. 9 Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and cleanse your hearts, you double-minded people. O ye of two minds, purify your hearts.

9 Suffer, mourn, weep: let your laughter be turned into sorrow. Turn your laughter into sorrow, and your joy into grief.

The greatest thing we can do is to expose to the light the things we hold in our hearts that we have been holding on to for dear life, and surrender them to God, sifting them before Him as a man does when he takes gold out of a river, surrendering everything before God and receiving only what is good before Him.

In the past, there was a way of life in which people soiled their hands with their own desires, disregarded methods, ethics, and the ways of God, and rolled down the slope without listening to anyone's advice. I did not listen to anyone, and I closed my ears to what God had to say. I assumed that God was harsh and terrible. I assumed that I was weak and would never be able to keep the law of perfect living. But after we were shown the fire of God's sorrow and zeal, His jealous love, His love to the point of destroying Himself, and His love to the point of giving His Son Jesus Christ, our way of life changed. When we think of our former God-ignoring laughter and joy, when we think of God's sorrow, when we think of God's suffering, grief, and tears, when we think of sorrow, our hearts ache because of such a heart of God's compassion for us, and we suffer, sorrow, and tears before God. We wonder what we have done to repay Him for thinking of us so much. Our hearts are closed with sorrow.

10 Humble yourselves before the Lord. 10 Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

This is the blessing from God. 10 Suffer, mourn, weep, and let your laughter be turned into sorrow. This is God's blessing for those who turn your laughter into sorrow, your joy into grief, and who respond to God's fervent call to return to the One who is the Truth.

Let us give thanks to our Savior who gave Himself for us to bring us closer to the One who is the truth, and who has become our "way, the truth, and the life.

Romans 6:12 Yielding therefore your mortal bodies to the dominion of sin, and not to the lusts of your passions; but giving your bodies over to the law of sin, and not to the lusts of your passions,

6:13 And do not offer your limbs as weapons of iniquity to sin. Rather, as one raised from the dead, offer yourselves to God, and your limbs as weapons of righteousness to Him.

6:14 For you are not under the law, but under grace, so that you will not be subject to sin.

6:15 How then? Should we sin because we are under grace and not under law? Definitely not.

6:16 Know ye not? 6:16 Know ye not that if ye yourselves be servants, and obey, ye are his servants whom ye obey, and ye are the servants of him to whom ye obey, and ye are the



servants of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?

6:17 But should God be thankful? For you were servants of sin, but you obeyed with all your heart the standard of teaching that was preached to you,

6:18 And being delivered from sin, ye became servants of righteousness.

Romans 8:28 For we know that God works with those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose, to make all things work together for good.

◇Prayer; Heavenly Father, we thank you for today's worship. We know that God's envious and deep-seated love is not only directed toward the Holy Spirit sent in us, but also toward us, and we give thanks to your name. We believe that it is because of God's love for us that we experience harsh words and sometimes painful events. We believe that suffering, sorrow, and tears are only for a time, and that sadness and sorrow are fleeting, leading to laughter and joy, and we ask that you help us to follow God, who is rich in grace, to draw near to Him, and to proceed righteously. Bless our families and the people in our community. We pray in the name of the Lord Jesus. Amen.