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THE POWER IN YOU THAT IS ADEQUATE

A STUDY OF THE BOOK OF JAMES  
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JAMES 4:4-6

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JAMES 4:4-6 "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. Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy? But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble."

We are studying one of the most practical books in the Bible. James keeps bringing up the very practical problems we will face. He keeps hitting at the spot where we live every day, and we cannot escape the very personal emphasis he makes.

Look again at a corrected translation of James 4:3.

"Ye keep on asking (you believers who constantly stay out of fellowship and are in reversionism) and you do not receive, because you ask with an evil intent, that you may squander it on your frantic search for happiness through pleasures."

JAMES 4 4 "Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God." The words "Ye adulterers" do not occur in the original so drop them out. All we have here is "Ye adulteresses" and this included both male and female. The translator of this passage thought he would add to it by putting in the words "Ye adulterers." Now let me show you why these words are not needed here. We have a vocative plural of the greek word "Moichalis" and it is correctly translated "adulteresses." The illustration is this. Jesus Christ is our "right man" and we, both male and female, are his "right woman." He gives his love to us through Bible doctrine and we respond to this love through grace perception. So to make the illustration between Jesus Christ, right man, and males and females who are out of fellowship, James uses the word "adulteresses" and it includes both male and female.

Therefore James goes back and picks up the illustration of right man and right woman and says that if we are out of fellowship with Jesus Christ, then we are all "adulteresses." If we are negative toward doctrine, then scar tissue builds up in us and eventually reversionism sets in and we enter into "adultery" so far as our relationship with Jesus Christ is concerned. Here is an illustration for both men and women, male and female, and if either is unfaithful to Jesus Christ, this action causes us to be classified in this passage as "adulteresses." This kind of a condition is going to be described in this passage as "friendship with the world."

Next in this verse we have the words "Know ye not" and this is a present tense of "oida" plus the negative "ouk." So you see the whole issue is on knowing doctrine. In order to do right you have to know what is right. In order to respond right, you have to have the facts on which to base your decision. So this is a challenge to us to shape up and learn something so we will have the facts on which to base our decisions.



IN LOVE WITH THE WORLD

The next words in this sentence are "friendship of the world." The word for friendship is "phelia" and this is a feminine noun and is the strongest word for love, but when it is centered in the world, it becomes a pseudo love. Then we have the genitive of "kosmos" and this refers to Satan's kingdom. Next we have the words "is enmity." Enmity is a Greek noun "echthra" and really means alienation. This same word is used in Philippians 3:18 when we are called "enemies of the cross." The next words in this sentence are "with God" and it is real "from the source of God."

So look what we have in this verse thus far--"Ye adulteresses (which includes both male and female) do you not know that the love of the world (Satan's kingdom) keeps on being alienated from the source of God?"

Summary

1. The world or the "Kosmos" is the Devil's kingdom on earth.
2. The fall of the first Adam was the Devil's "coup d'état" whereby an angel (called Satan or the Devil) superceded a man (Adam) as ruler of this world.
3. Adam and the Woman were the first citizens of the Devil's kingdom. At the point of eating the forbidden fruit in the Garden, they became spiritually dead, at which moment they came to possess an old sin nature. (Adam and the woman were not created with an old sin nature. They, by an act of their own, acquired an old sin nature. Their old sin nature is an evidence of their citizenship in the Devil's kingdom.)  
We are born with an old sin nature so we are born citizens of the Devil's kingdom.
4. The first act of Adam and Eve as citizens of the Devil's kingdom was an act of human adjustment. We call it operation fig leaves. But it didn't work. The work of their human hands was not adequate.
5. Mankind is born into the Devil's kingdom because he is born with an old sin nature.
6. Once man believes in Jesus Christ, he is born again and is born into Christ's eternal kingdom.
7. This means that the new believer is no longer spiritually dead but is forever alive unto God.
8. This means that God is the author of operation grace and is the source of all those who by faith are in the kingdom of Jesus Christ.
9. This ministry of grace is administered through Bible Doctrine.
10. This verse we have just studied shows us that the believer in reversionism and out of fellowship is the enemy of the cross and the enemy of grace.

LOOK AT SIX POINTS ON THE DOCTRINE OF ENEMY-SHIP

1. The carnal believer (the believer out of fellowship) is an enemy of God. The carnal believer never rebounds and never tries to get back in fellowship with God. The carnal believer is a spiritual moron. He is saved, he is in the top circle, but he is perpetually out of fellowship and thereby out of touch with God. Rejection of rebound means constant carnality. This is plainly taught in Romans 8:7-8 "Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God."
2. The reversionistic believer is an enemy of the cross. PHILIPPIANS 3:18 "(For many walk, of whom I have told you often and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ:"
3. Reversionism; when it is related to love, produces alienation from God. He is a child of God (saved) but is an enemy of God (out of fellowship).
4. Demons are also enemies of God. 1 CORINTHIANS 15:25 "For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet."  
HEBREWS 10:13 "From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool."
5. Unbelievers are the enemies of God. ROMANS 5:10 "For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life."  
COLOSSIANS 1:21 "And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled"
6. The pastor who lays it on the line and levels with people who are out of fellowship is always regarded by them as their enemy. GALATIANS 4:16 "Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth?"

This verse we have just studied is therefore a statement of principle. The rest of that verse is to be application. The verse goes on to say "Whosoever therefore will" and the word for "will" is an aorist, passive, subjunctive of "boulomai" and this means a decision of the will after careful and thoughtful meditation and deliberation. In other words, he has made up his mind. So this "boulomai" can be accurately translated "he has decided." So this phrase is saying, "Whosoever has decided to keep on being a lover of the world" this is the one who is a reversionist.

Next we have "Is the enemy of God." The word "is" is a present, middle indicative of "kathistemi" and it means he appoints himself an enemy of God.

Now let's get a correct translation of this very amazing verse--

"You adulteresses, do you not know that the love of the world keeps on being alienated from the source of God? Therefore, whosoever has decided to be a lover of the world appoints himself an enemy of The God."



As they stand here in the King James Version, these next two verses just don't communicate to us. These two verses will quote Proverbs 3:34 and will have in them a parenthesis. So let's try to get these two verses straightened out and see exactly what they are saying to us.

JAMES 4:5 "Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy?" Here he has referred to Proverbs 3:34 but doesn't quote it. He will quote it down in the next verse. This verse raises this question--How does a person who is out of fellowship really think? How does he react?

So the verse begins with the words "Do you think" and it is a present, active, indicative of "dokeo" and really means "DO you presume?" Next we have "that the scripture saith" and this is a present, active, indicative of "Lego" and is used to cite this Old Testament passage in Proverbs 3:34 which is not going to be quoted until the end of the next verse. Next we have the words "in vain" and it is from "kenos" and really means "to no purpose."

So thus far in verse 5 we have this--"Do you presume or imagine that the scripture says something to no purpose?"

The next phrase says, "The spirit that dwelleth in us" and this word "Spirit" refers to The Holy Spirit. The word for "dwelleth" is an aorist, active, indicative of "katoikeo" and it means to indwell permanently. The moment you were saved The Holy Spirit entered into your life and he will remain in you forever. Next we have the word "lusteth" and it is from the present, active, indicative of "epipatheo" and is the word for pure, passionate love.

So look what this verse really says--"The Holy Spirit who dwells permanently in us deeply loves."

#### LOOK AT THE DOCTRINE OF THE INDWELLING HOLY SPIRIT

1. THE HOLY SPIRIT INDWELLS EVERY BELIEVER OF THE CHURCH AGE.

This truth is not only documented here in James 4:5 but also in Romans 8:9, 1 Cor. 6:19-20, Galatians 3:2 and 4:6.

2. THE INDWELLING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IS THE SAME AS UNCTION AND ANOINTING.

These words unction and anointing are terms John used in his Gospel and Epistles and means the same as indwelling. 1 John 2:20 and 1 John 2:27.

3. THE PROPHECY OF THE INDWELLING HOLY SPIRIT IS CLEARLY STATED.

JOHN 7:37-39 "In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)"

JOHN 14:16-17 "And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you."

4. THE NEW TESTAMENT MAKES A DISTINCTION BETWEEN THE INDWELLING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AND THE INDWELLING OF CHRIST.

Christ indwells the believer for fellowship. The Holy Spirit indwells the believer to give power and guidance.

5. THE INDWELLING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT MUST ALSO BE DISTINGUISHED FROM THE FILLING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

The indwelling of the Holy Spirit occurs at the moment of salvation and continues forever. The filling of the Holy Spirit occurs at the moment of salvation and continues until the person commits his first sin. Then he must rebound and get back in fellowship before he can be filled with the Spirit again.

6. THE FUNCTION OF THE INDWELLING HOLY SPIRIT IS TO MAKE BIBLE DOCTRINE REAL TO THE BELIEVER.

JOHN 14:26 "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you."

(This is also taught in John 16:12-15, 1 Cor. 2:9-16, 1 John 2:27.)

7. THE INTENSIFICATION OF THE ANGELIC CONFLICT IN THE CHURCH AGE MAKES IT IMPERATIVE FOR BELIEVERS TO HAVE THE INDWELLING HOLY SPIRIT.

The power of Satan is just too great. You have to have a power in you that is greater than the power that is in him.

So instead of the way this phrase is translated here in the King James-- "The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy," we actually have this-- "The Spirit that dwelleth in us deeply loves."

With this next verse we begin a study of the super grace life.

JAMES 4:6 "But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble." The word translated "But" is better translated "Moreover." Then we have "He gives more grace." "He gives" is a present, active, indicative of "didomi" and this means the Holy Spirit in you keeps on giving this power so you can live the Christian life. Then we have the words "More grace" but the words are "megas charis" and should be translated "Greater grace."

Now he quoted Proverbs 3:34 "God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace to the humble." It really says, "God opposed the proud (which is a mental attitude sin). The word for "proud" is "huperephonos" and means arrogant. God opposed the arrogant, but giveth (keeps on giving) grace to the humble.

So we will close with a correct translation of these three verses--

"Ye adulteresses, do you not know that the love of the world keeps on being alienated from the source of The God? Therefore whosoever has decided to be a lover of the world appoints himself the enemy of God. Or do you presume that the Scripture says to no purpose (now a parenthesis before the quotation is given). The Spirit that dwells permanently in us deeply loves; Moreover, he gives greater grace, on which account he says (Ends the parenthesis and begins the quotation from Proverbs 3:34). The God opposes the arrogant, but gives grace to the humble."