

James 3:13-4:10

DFH Worship Translation

¹³ Who [is] wise and understanding among you? Let him show from a good way of life his deeds in gentleness of wisdom.

¹⁴ But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your heart, do not boast and lie against the truth.

¹⁵ This is not the wisdom which comes down from above, but earthly, antispiritual, demonic.

¹⁶ For where [there is] envy and selfish ambition, there [is] disorder and every morally objectionable practice.

¹⁷ But wisdom from above, first to be sure is pure, then peaceful, yielding, obedient, full of mercy and good fruits, nonjudgmental, without hypocrisy.

¹⁸ But [the] fruit of righteousness is sown in peace to the ones making peace.

^{4:1} From where quarrels and from where disputes among you (pl)? [Is it] not from here, from your pleasures, waging battle in your members?

² You desire and you do not have, so you murder. You are filled with envy and you are not able to obtain what you seek, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask.

³ You ask and you do not receive because you ask wickedly in order that you might spend on your pleasures.

⁴ Adulteresses, do you not know that the friendship of [the] world is enmity of God? Whoever therefore desires to be a friend of [the] world is made an enemy of God.

⁵ Or do you think that in vain the Scripture says, “The spirit that is caused to dwell in us yearns with envy.”

⁶ But he gives greater grace; therefore it says, “God resists the proud, but gives grace to the lowly.”

⁷ So submit to God, and resist the devil and he will flee from you.

⁸ Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse hands, sinners, and purify hearts, double-minded ones.

⁹ Lament and mourn and weep. Turn your laughter into mourning and joy into dejection.

¹⁰ Lower yourself before the Lord and he will lift you up.

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