

## James 4:1—5:20

<sup>4.1</sup> What is the source of wars and what is the source of fights among you? Is it not from within, from your pleasures, those battling among your members? <sup>2</sup> You are desiring and you are not having. You are killing and you are being jealous and you are not able to obtain. You are fighting and warring. You are not having, because you do not ask. <sup>3</sup> You are asking and you are not receiving, because you are asking harmfully so that you can indulge in your pleasures. <sup>4</sup> Adulterers, you are not perceiving that the friend of the cosmos is an enemy of God! Therefore, whoever might intend to be a friend of the cosmos is setting himself as an enemy of the Creator. <sup>5</sup> Or are you thinking that the writing is emptily saying, “*The spirit that dwelled within us is longing toward envy*”? <sup>6</sup> And he is giving greater generosity, therefore he is saying, “*The Creator is being resisted by the proud, and he is giving generosity to the humble.*” <sup>7</sup> Therefore, you must submit to the Creator. And you must stand-against the Divider and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup> You must approach the Creator and he will approach you. You must cleanse your hands, separated ones! And you must purify your hearts, double-souled ones! <sup>9</sup> You must struggle and grieve and weep! Your laughter must be turned into grief and your joy into sorrow. <sup>10</sup> You must be humbled before the Lord and he will lift you up. <sup>11</sup> You must not speak-against each other, brothers. The one speaking-against a brother or judging his brother is speaking-against the law and is judging the law. And if you are judging the law, then you are not a practicer of the law but a judge. <sup>12</sup> One is the lawgiver and judge, the one being able to save and destroy. And who are you yourself, who is judging the neighbor? <sup>13</sup> Go now, you who are saying, “Today or tomorrow we will journey into this city and we will practice there for a year and we will trade and gain.” <sup>14</sup> Whoever you are, you are not understanding tomorrow—what your life is! For you are vapor, which is appearing for a few-moments, then is disappearing. <sup>15</sup> Instead you should say, “If the Lord might want, then we will live and we will practice this or that.” <sup>16</sup> And now you are boasting in your ambitions. All such boasting is distorted! <sup>17</sup> Therefore, separation is perceiving what is beautiful to practice and not practicing.

<sup>5.1</sup> Go now, wealthy ones! You must weep, while howling over your coming struggles! <sup>2</sup> Your wealth has rotted and your clothing has become moth-eaten. <sup>3</sup> Your gold and silver are poison and their poison will be a witness against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You stored-up in the last days. <sup>4</sup> Look! The wage of the workers who mowed your fields, which has been stolen by you, is crying out. And the shouts of those harvesting have entered into the ears of the Lord of Communities. <sup>5</sup> You lived-in-luxury and indulged on the earth. You fed your hearts for the day of butchering. <sup>6</sup> You condemned. You killed the righteous. He is not resisting you.

<sup>7</sup> Therefore, you must passion-long, brothers, until the presence of the Lord. Look, the land-worker is waiting for the valuable fruit of the earth, while passioning-long for it, until he might receive it early and late. <sup>8</sup> You yourselves must also passion-long! You must stabilize your hearts because the presence of the Lord has arrived! <sup>9</sup> You must not groan, brothers, against each other so that you might not be judged. Look, the judge stands at the doors! <sup>10</sup> You must receive a demonstration, brothers, of the harmful-suffering and the long-passion of the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. <sup>11</sup> Look, we are blessing those patiently-remaining. You listened to Job's patience and you saw the Lord's end, that the Lord is very-compassionate and hospitable. <sup>12</sup> And before all things, my brothers, you must not swear-an-oath, not on heaven, not on the earth, and not any other oath. And your yes must be yes and your no must be no, so that you might not fall under judgment.

<sup>13</sup> When someone is suffering-harm among you, he must pray! When someone is feeling-well, he must sing! <sup>14</sup> When someone is weak among you, he must summon the elders of the church and they must pray over him after anointing him with olive-oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup> And the prayer of faithfulness will save the one being weary and the Lord will raise him. And if he might have practiced separations, then it will be let go for him. <sup>16</sup> Therefore, you must renounce to each other the separations and you must pray on behalf of each other so that you might be healed. A begging of righteousness, while being worked-within, is very strong. <sup>17</sup> Elijah was a human of like-suffering with us and with a prayer he prayed for it to not rain and it did not rain upon the earth for three years and six months. <sup>18</sup> And again he prayed and heaven gave rain and the earth sprouted its fruit. <sup>19</sup> My brothers, if someone among you might be led-astay from the truth and someone might turn him back, <sup>20</sup> then he must know that the one turning-back a separated one from his led-astay way will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of separations.