



## “A Friend of God?”

James 4:4-10

Week of July 5, 2020

### I. Unfaithfulness to God

What term does James use to describe God’s people in James 4:4?

What is the usual definition of this term? How does James apply it?

What does it mean to have a part-time commitment to God?

What does James mean when he says someone is a “friend of the world”?

What does James say is the consequence of being a friend of the world?

What does James 4:5 tell us is found in the Scriptures concerning God?

What word do we not usually associate with God? What does Exodus 20:4-5 tell us about this word?

What does Genesis 2:7 tell us that God did?

What is the meaning of the word “breath”? God made man into a living and physical being. What else did God’s breath mean for mankind?

In what way is God jealous?

James has spoken about the selfishness and faithlessness of God’s people. What is the message of James 4:6?

### II. Our Turning to God

What is the meaning of the word *repentance*?

In talking about repentance, where does James start in James 4:7? Why is this the important place to start?

Why do we struggle with submitting ourselves to God?

What is the next action step that James 4:7 talks about?

What is the devil’s intention when it comes to mankind? What is the devil’s intention when it comes to God’s people?

Why must the devil flee from the resistance of God’s people?

What does it mean in James 4:8 to “come near to God”?

How do we come near to God? What are the steps?

What does James 4:8 tell us to purify? What does “washing our hands” and “purifying our double minded hearts” refer to?

How does sin get in the way of our relationship to God and God’s will?

What does James 4:9 refer to? Why is this important?

James 4:10 tells us to “humble ourselves before the Lord”. What does being “humble before the Lord” mean?

How does the Lord lift us up?