

Sunday 15 March

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# More grace

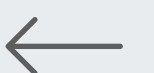
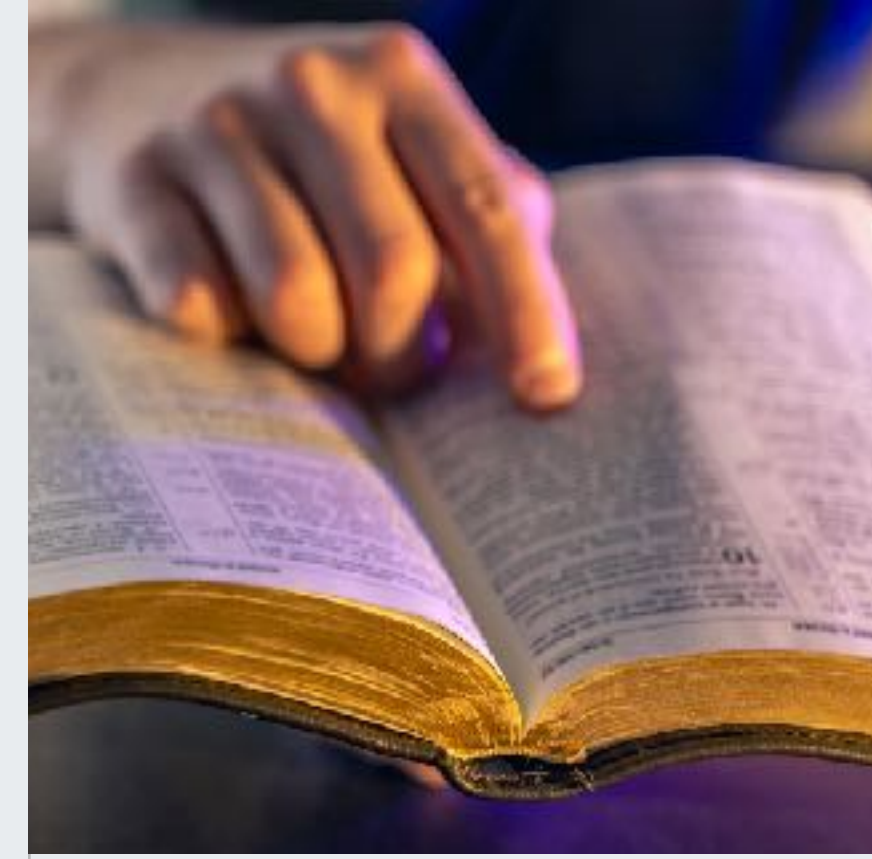
James 4:1—12





**JAMES**  
**4:1, 2, 11**

**1** What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? **2** You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God. **11** Brothers and sisters, do not slander one another. Anyone who speaks against a brother or sister or judges them speaks against the law and judges it. When you judge the law, you are not keeping it, but sitting in judgment on it.



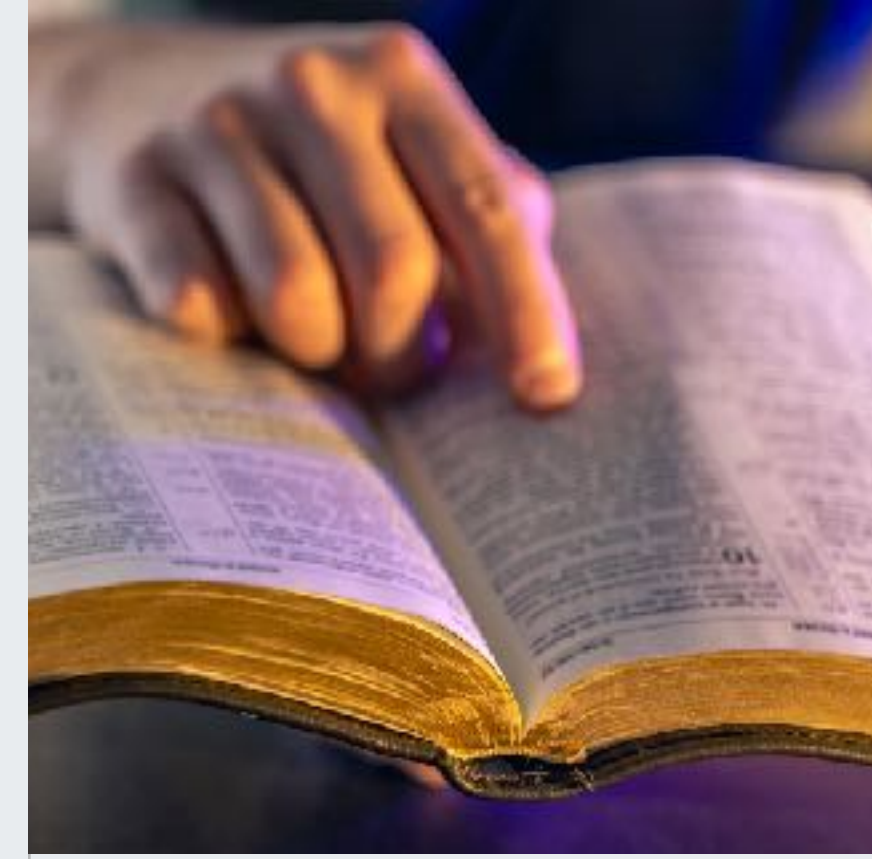


## JAMES

### 4:2—3

**2** You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God.

**3** When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.

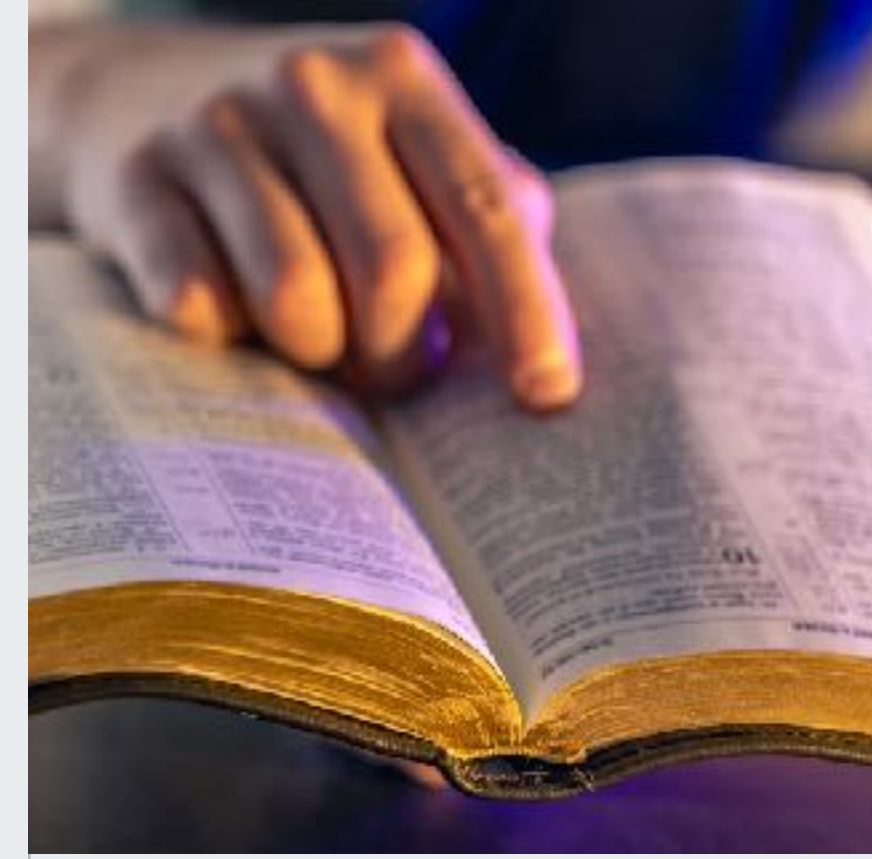




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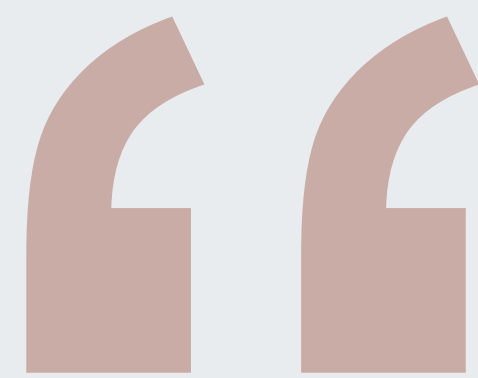
**4:4**

**4** You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world means enmity against God? Therefore, anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God.





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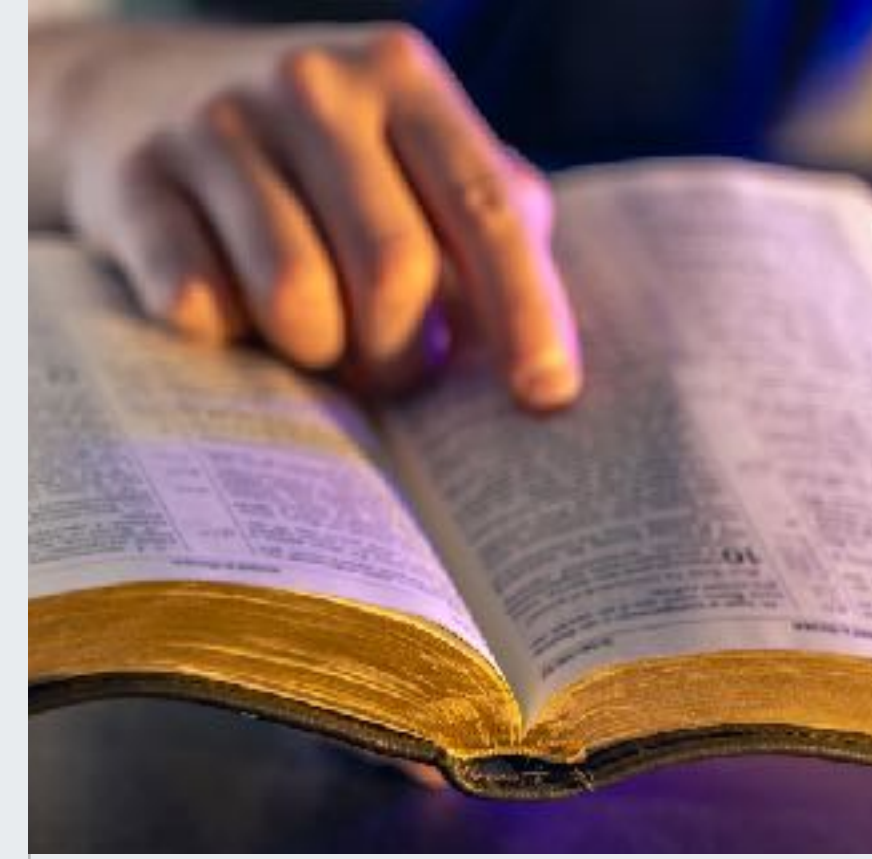
- ▶ Are we today better friends with the world than we were a year ago?
- ▶ Or better friends with God?
- ▶ From which do we derive our primary pleasure?
- ▶ Are we God's adversaries or his friends?
- ▶ How would God answer these questions?



## JAMES

4:5

5 Or do you think Scripture says without reason that he jealously longs for the spirit he has caused to dwell in us?



## Exodus 34:14

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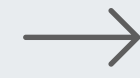
**14** Do not worship any other god, for the Lord, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God.





What's the answer?

**Is there hope & help?**

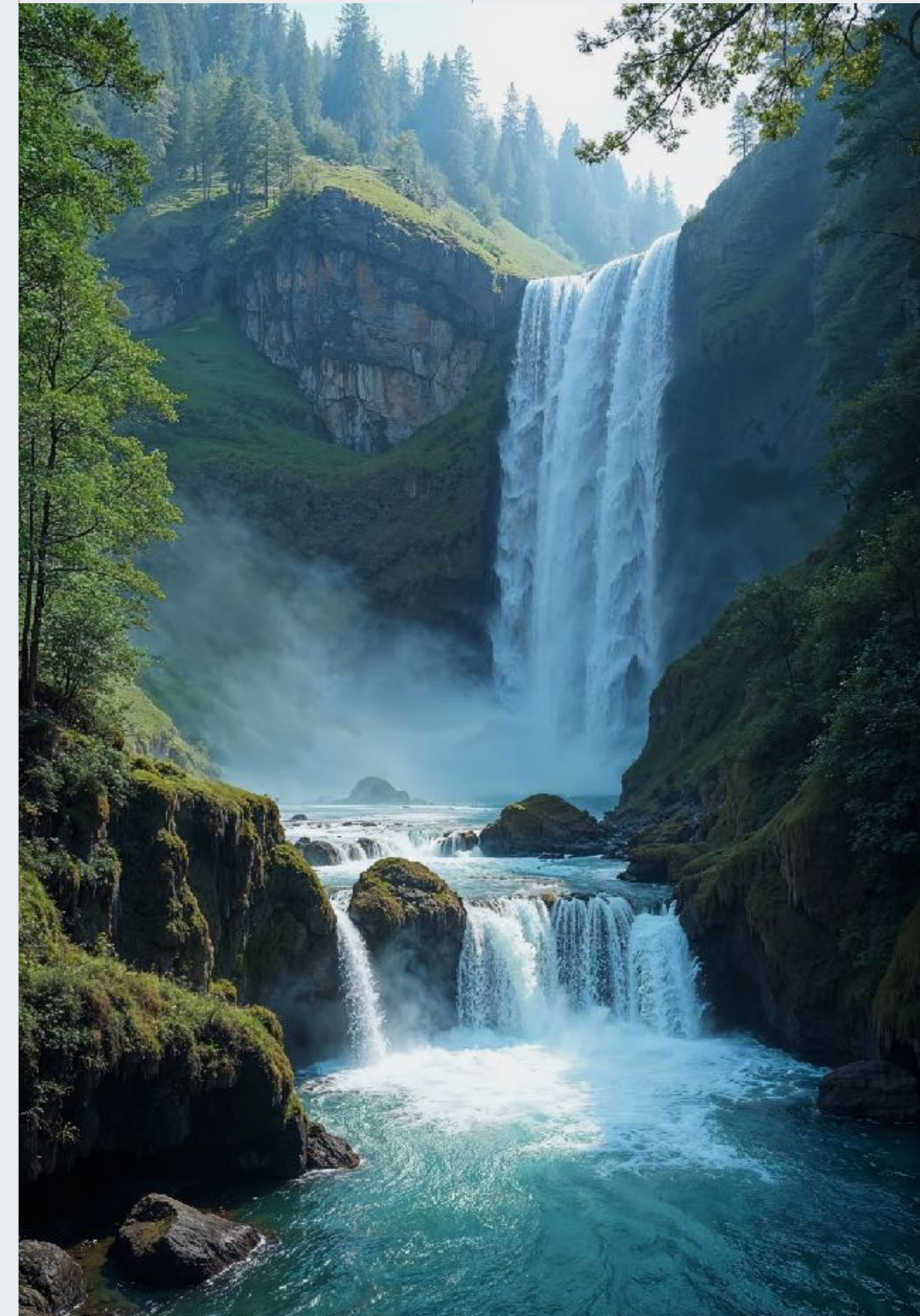


Where is hope and help?

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**6** But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: 'God opposes the proud but shows favour to the humble.'

**James 4:6**





## Promises of Grace

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- ▶ He will show favour (grace) to the humble (v6).
- ▶ If we resist the devil he will flee (v7b).
- ▶ If we come near to God, then God will come near to us (v8).
- ▶ If we humble ourselves God will lift us (v10).

# Humble yourself:

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Humbling ourselves means submitting to God's desires not ours (v7a)

It means repentance, which may be painful (v9)

It means taking action: resisting satan, coming near to God (v7b-8a)

It means purifying our hearts (v8b)

