

*James 4:4-6*  
*"Fights Within & Without"*

**Introduction:** The various ways in which we sing of the 'world'

**“This is my Father's world”:** A hymn that reminds us that the glory of God is on display in the earth that He created.

- **The word “world” used in an ethical sense:** describes fallen, sinful humanity in rebellion against God.
- **The Christian's three great enemies in the fight of faith:** All found in the fourth chapter of James.

We must heed the call of God to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ for the glory of God and for our own \_\_\_\_\_.

- **James's use of “you adulterous people”:** Quite a contrast from his previous uses of 'my brothers' and 'my dear brothers.'
- **A sin that plagues all of God's people:** The sin of worldliness.
- **The sin of worldliness:** foes hand-in-hand with idolatry.
- **A large part of the Christian's salvation:** pertains to deliverance from the bondage of the world.

- **The call to be on guard against worldliness:** Not a call to completely withdraw from the world in which we live.
- **The ways of the world:** tend to be found in the various philosophical 'ism's' like secularism, materialism, and hedonism.
- **The original recipients of this letter:** Way too conformed to the ways of the world, and lacking in conformity to the word of God.
- **A reminder from Thomas Brooks:** God smiles upon His people when the world frowns upon His people.
- **Worldliness:** A sin that grieves the Holy Spirit.
- **The glorious conjunction of contrast:** found in James's words, “**But**, He gives us more grace.”
- **Every saved sinner:** needs to battle against being puffed up with pride.
- **Personal Application:**

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