

The Disaster of the Deception of the Sin Nature

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'The Sin Nature Allures Believers by Means of False Teaching'

Beware of False Teachers

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I. **Beware** of False Teachers

[Points A. and B. and all sub points see previous note sheets]

C. The Apostles *Peter* and *Jude's* **Warnings** Concerning False Teachers 2 Pet. 2:1-19; Jude 4-19

[Points 1. through 15. and all sub points see previous note sheets] that is

16. False Teachers Are **Hedonistic** Endlessly, Excessively Sensually **Self-Indulgent** cf 2 Pet. 2:13

“...and shall utterly perish in their own corruption by being brought to everlasting punishment, suffering harmful payback for harm; considering it pleasurable to self-indulge in the daytime. Spots and blemishes are they, taking intense delight in their deception while feasting with you.”
2 Pet. 2:13

[Points a. through d. and all sub points see previous note sheets]

e. Some of The **Results** of Hedonism for False Teachers and their Followers

[Points 1) through 7) and all sub points see previous note sheets]

8) Hedonism Is among the Many Tools **Satan** Uses to *Divert* Unbelievers Away from God and to **Draw** Believers from Walking with and Glorifying the Lord and into his Alluring World System Which Holds Out the False Promise That Fulfilling Hedonistic Desires Will Bring Happiness and *Derails* Believers from Glorifying God cf James 4:4-7

a) James 4:5 Is a **Difficult** Verse and Can Be Translated Three Ways and Possibly Understood as Many as **Nine Different** Ways

i. The Spirit Could Be Interpreted as Being the **Human** Spirit or the **Holy** Spirit

ii. The **Subject** Could Be Interpreted as Being God or *The Human Spirit, or The Holy Spirit*

- iii. The Verse Could Be Interpreted as Being only a **Question** or as Being a Question Followed by a **Declarative** Statement or as Being **Two** Questions
- iv. The Scripture That Does Not Speak in Vain Is Open to at Least **Three** Different Explanations

“Do you think the Scripture speaketh in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy?” James 4:5 (KJV) (the spirit is the human spirit and it is the subject)

“Or do you think that the Scripture speaks to no purpose: “He jealously desires the Spirit which He has made to dwell in us?” James 4:5 (NASB) (the spirit is Holy Spirit and God is the subject)

“Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, “He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us? James 4:5 (ESV) (the spirit is the human spirit, and the subject is God)

“ Or do you think Scripture says without reason that he jealously longs for the spirit he has caused to dwell in us?” James 4:5 (NIV – 2011) (– 1984 version is different) the spirit is the human spirit and the subject is God

“Or do you suppose that it is for nothing that the scripture says, God yearns jealously for the spirit that he has made to dwell in us?” James 4:5 (NRSV) (the spirit is the human spirit and God is the subject)

“ Or do you think that the Scripture says in vain, “The Spirit who dwells in us yearns jealously?” James 4:5 (NKJV) (the spirit and the subject are the Holy Spirit)

Do you think the Scripture means nothing when it says, The spirit God caused to live in us has an envious yearning?” James 4:5 (NET) (The subject is God the spirit is the old man, the flesh, the sin nature)

In the Margin the (New Living Translation)
NLT Offers These Translations:

“Do you think the Scriptures have no meaning? They say that God is passionate that the spirit he has placed within us should be faithful to him.” James 4:5 (NLT) (God is the subject and the spirit is the spirit of the new man)

“They say that the spirit God has placed within us is filled with envy;”
James 4:5 (NLT) (God is the subject the spirit is the old man, the flesh, the sin nature)

“They say that the Holy Spirit, whom God has placed within us, opposes our envy.” James 4:5 NLT

b) **Summary** and Readouts of Sub Points a) i) and ii)
Concerning Some of the Difficulties in Interpreting
James 4:4

i. The *Human Spirit*, i.e. *the Old Man, The Flesh* God
Has Caused to Live in Us Is Exceedingly **Envious**

“Or do you think the Scripture means nothing when it says, The spirit God caused to live in us has an envious yearning?” James 4:5 (NET)

ii. God **Earnestly** Desires for the **Human** Spirit i.e. *the New Man* He Has Caused to Dwell in Us

“Or do you think Scripture says without reason that he jealously longs for the spirit he has caused to dwell in us?” James 4:5 (NIV – 2011)

iii. The *Holy Spirit* God Has Caused to Live in Us
Earnestly **Opposes** Our Envy

“They say that the Holy Spirit, whom God has placed within us, opposes our envy.” James 4:5

iv. God **Earnestly** Desires for the **Holy** Spirit He
Caused to Dwell in Us

“Or do you think that the Scripture speaks to no purpose: “He jealously desires the Spirit which He has made to dwell in us?” James 4:5 (NASB)

c) The Best Explanation for the Possible Meanings of
James 4:5 **Might** Be:

.Lord Willing What We Will Explore Next Time