James 4:4-10 26 September 2021 Oswego RP Church "Draw Near to God"

## I. Do not desire the world's friendship (4:4).

- A. Adulteresses! (Ezek. 16; Hos. 2:7-23; Jer. 7:8-10; 2 Tim. 3:1-5)
- B. Do you not know?
- C. Who are your friends? (2 Chron. 20:7; Is. 41:8; Gen. 18:16-33)

## II. Take God's Word and Spirit seriously (4:5-6).

- A. "Do you think the Scripture speaks vainly?" (Jer. 36; 2 Pt. 3:1-7)
- B. "Does the Spirit he put in us lust enviously?"
- C. Spirit and Word in fact.

## III. Submit to God (4:7-10).

- A. Resist the Devil (Mt. 4:1-11; Lk. 22:47-53; 23:26-56; Acts 19; Eph. 6:10-20)
- B. Draw near to God
- C. Wash your hands
- D. Purify your heart (2 Cor. 10:5; 11:2; Mt. 6:24; Mk. 9:14-29)
- E. Turn your laughter to grief (Lk. 6:21, 25)
- F. God gives grace to the humble.

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