

James 38 “Friends And Enemies” James 4:1-4

Before the Fall, man was in innocence, ignorant of sin and he had no sinful nature but he did have free will responsibility to obey God and refrain from eating of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil and he used his volition in a negative way resulting in the Fall which sank the entire human race into spiritual death. To this day and beyond, mankind remains under angelic observation and all the angels regularly learn of the judgement as well as the grace of God by watching the human race. This war in the soul results in an emotional rebellious revolt; under which the conflicts, arguments and wars among believers are intensified and obviously, this becomes a major hindrance to successful function in a spiritually mature life. Jealous people tend to be violent or at the very least, passive-aggressive in their jealousy. A believer in rebellion wants self-gratification through some form of pleasure but the very thing that he seeks, he destroys by violence like a spoiled child who breaks his toys in front of a visitor because he refuses to share. The utter frustration of full-blown rebellion produces antagonistic factions and ultimately, thousands of denominations within the church of Jesus Christ. Believers can quarrel and fight for fame or authority and never obtain it. Recovery from rebellion is achieved only through the application of biblical truth and the construction of a fortified soul structure leading to a glorious entrance into a fulfilled life; it always brings a phenomenal change. Anyone who uses prayer to satisfy his lust is not using prayer properly. No matter what system they use, all rebellious believers seek to gratify their lust. Emotional subjectivity entered the stage with the Fall of man and subjectivity demands human adjustment and it assumes that human adjustment is reestablishing relationship with God, hence we have ‘Operation Fig Leaves’.