

The Malady of Meism

Series: **A Faith That Works** Text: **James 4:1-3**

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Of the early church, it was said, "Behold how they love one another!" Today, people might say, "Behold how they compete with one another!" Why is it sometimes so difficult for God's people to get along? James begins to answer this by talking about selfishness. The wars among us are caused by the wars within us. We want to please ourselves, even if it hurts somebody else. If we are not careful, even our prayers can become selfish.

It all started in the garden! (Gen. 3:1-5)

How does God know good and evil?

1. The **P**_____ of Meism (v. 1)
2. The **P**_____ of Meism (v. 2)
3. The **P**_____ of Meism (v. 3)

The Christian and Pleasure:

1st – We must understand that God is the
A_____ of all pleasure.

2nd – Man is naturally made to **S**_____ pleasure.

3rd – God wants us to immerse ourselves in His pleasure by
immersing ourselves in **H**_____.