

# **“Give Me, Give Me, Give Me!”**

## **James 4:1-10**

### Introduction

- I. James discussed a problem that existed in the first century A.D., and unfortunately, it still exists today.
- II. Too many times, people think more of themselves and what they want instead of God and what He wants.
- III. Let us notice some times in history when people very selfish.

### Discussion

- I. “Give us a king”-the selfish desire to be worldly (1 Sam. 8:4-20).
  - A. Israel already had the greatest of Kings (Hos. 13:10-11).
  - B. We are warned against be worldly (1 John 2:15-17; Rom. 12:1-2; Col. 3:1-2).
  - C. The temptation to be like the world is militantly forced on us (television, Internet, etc.).
- II. “Give me thy vineyard”-the selfish desire of covetousness (1 Kings 21:2).
  - A. Ahab was already very wealthy, but instead of being content, he longed for more.
  - B. We have to be careful not to become covetous (Luke 12:15; 1 Tim. 6:6-8; Heb. 13:5).
  - C. The temptations to be covetous can be all around us (cf. Do I feel like I have to have the next “new” thing. Do I feel like I have to have what my neighbor has?)
- III. “Give me my portion”-the selfish desire to leave God (Luke 15:12).
  - A. The younger son was blessed tremendously while he was with his father, but he wanted to live a life away from his father.
  - B. We must make sure that we do not leave our Father (Isa. 59:1-2; Matt. 6:33; Matt. 22:37-38; Heb. 3:12; 4:1, 11).

### Conclusion

- I. Selfishness is a problem that needs to be addressed and corrected.
- II. Instead of having the attitude of “give me, give me, give me”, we should strive to have the attitude of Jesus (Phil. 2:3-10).