

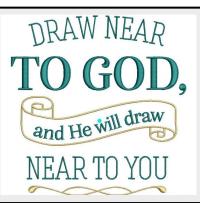
Sunday 22nd May 9:30am James 4:13-17 God's Sovereign Will and Our Plans

## A reminder of today's BD message .....

In today's reading, James is warning of the symptoms of when *worldliness* gets into the church.

- Broken relationships—jealousy and selfish ambition exist instead of love and merciful peace. People who claim to be Christians and yet do whatever they like to others to satisfy the cravings of their sinful nature make themselves enemies of God. Speaking evil of one another is not the way of Christ.
- 2. Broken prayer life—to do a spiritual health check, ask yourself how your prayer life is going. Then ask, what is my motivation in prayer? Am I asking for things to fulfil my worldly passions (more money, better harvest, nicer house, newer car, better relationships) or am I truly seeking God's will and seeking to understand His eternal purposes? Is my prayer life dominated by worldliness or Godliness?
- 3. Pride/greed/quest for self-gratification—worldliness is very desirable but it doesn't fit with a Godly life. If there was ever the world bursting into the church it would be the prosperity theology that is often preached today-"God wants to bless you with abundant wealth". We've come to 'expect' happiness and enjoyment of all things and at all times. In fact, we demand it. This is Hedonism—the quest for pleasure. And it's in the church today!

Satan wants us to be captivated by our own desires because that makes us very ineffective Christians. Satan wants to distract us from the eternal and focus on the here and now and all the earthly pleasures that this world has to offer. BUT, God wants us to be captivated by Jesus. He wants us to humble ourselves and walk in Godliness. God **promises** to draw near to us as we draw near to him!





KYB — Tuesday 17th May 9:30am — Mark (Study 2)

**Cancer Council Morning Tea**—Cecil Plains Homestead Tuesday 24th May 10am (no KYB this day)

Men's Prayer Meeting – Wednesday 6am "Mywybilla"

Ollie's 2nd Birthday—Morning Tea/Lunch at Benelong following the service on the 22nd May

St. Margaret's Cecil Plains 22nd May 5pm

St.John's Anglican Dalby—CWCI Safari Evening 25th May 7:30pm Coffee & Dessert Evening

## Order of Service for Sunday 22nd May

Welcome, Opening Psalm & Prayer	Pauline
Song	Chelsea & Rhonda
Children's Story	Ruth
Bible Reading James 4:13-17	Ann
Message	God's Sovereign Will and Our Plans
Communion	Justin
Song	Chelsea & Rhonda
Closing Prayer	Monique & Andrew

Morning Tea at "Benelong" straight after the service.

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