

Not Asking or Asking Amiss

James 4:2-3

The lust of the flesh is to have. When we lean to our fleshly desires we either try to gain without prayer or we pray to feed the fleshly appetite (Hosea 7:14). The result is we have not and we cannot obtain contentment, satisfaction, or peace. These are blessings of God and can not be had by the striving of the flesh. Do you give your children everything they cry for? Do you think your heavenly Father will? Our faithful Father will not allow our Adam-spirit to reign and separate us from him. Gomer said, "I will go after my lovers." The faithful Father hedged her in that he might bring her to behold his unchanging grace and love for her (Hosea 2:6-7). What mercy! I cannot think of a worse judgment than to have our carnal desires filled up.