



The

ENEMY

of God

Matthew 12:22-30, Luke 11:14-23

A close-up, high-contrast image of a person's face. The person has dark skin and is looking directly at the camera. Their eyes are glowing with a bright orange-red light. The background is dark, and the word "ENEMY" is written in large, bold, red capital letters across the middle of the image, partially obscured by the person's face. The overall mood is intense and menacing.

Does

God have enemies?

September 11, 2001

ISIS

Islamic State in Iraq and Syria







1. Who or What is the Ultimate Enemy of God?

Adultery

Fornication

Uncleanness

Licentiousness

Idolatry

Sorcery

Hatred

Contentions

Jealousies

Outbursts of Wrath

Selfish Ambitions

Dissensions

Heresies

Envy

Murders

Drunkenness

Revelries

**Works
Of
The Flesh**

Galatians 5:19-21

Because of your heart is lifted up, and you say, “I am a god”... I am about to bring strangers against you, ruthless men from the nations. They will draw their swords against your magnificent wisdom and will defile your splendor.



Ezekiel

28:7

**"The pride of your heart has deceived you,
you who live in the clefts of the rocks and
make your home on the heights, you who
say to yourself, 'Who can bring me down to
the ground?'" Though you ascend *as* high as
the eagle, And though you set your nest
among the stars, From there I will bring you
down," says the LORD.**



Obadiah

1:3-4



GOD RESISTS THE PROUD
BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE.
THE EPISTLE OF JAMES 4:6

BEHANCE.NET/RYANKOV

James 4:6 (NKJV)

⁶ But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: "*God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble.*"

Matthew 24:8-10, 14

ALL THESE ARE THE BEGINNING OF SORROWS. THEN SHALL THEY DELIVER YOU UP TO BE AFFLICTED, AND SHALL KILL YOU: AND YE SHALL BE HATED OF ALL NATIONS FOR MY NAME'S SAKE. AND THEN SHALL MANY BE OFFENDED, AND SHALL BETRAY ONE ANOTHER, AND SHALL HATE ONE ANOTHER.. AND THIS GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM SHALL BE PREACHED IN ALL THE WORLD FOR A WITNESS UNTO ALL NATIONS; AND THEN SHALL THE END COME.

The background of the image is a red brick wall. At the very top, there is a dark, weathered wooden beam or plank. The bricks are a deep red color with some variations in tone and texture. The text is overlaid on the wall in a white, sans-serif font.

Hate is the enemy of God

Rebellion is the enemy of God

Selfishness is the enemy of God

Pride is the enemy of God

Romans 8:7-8

For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

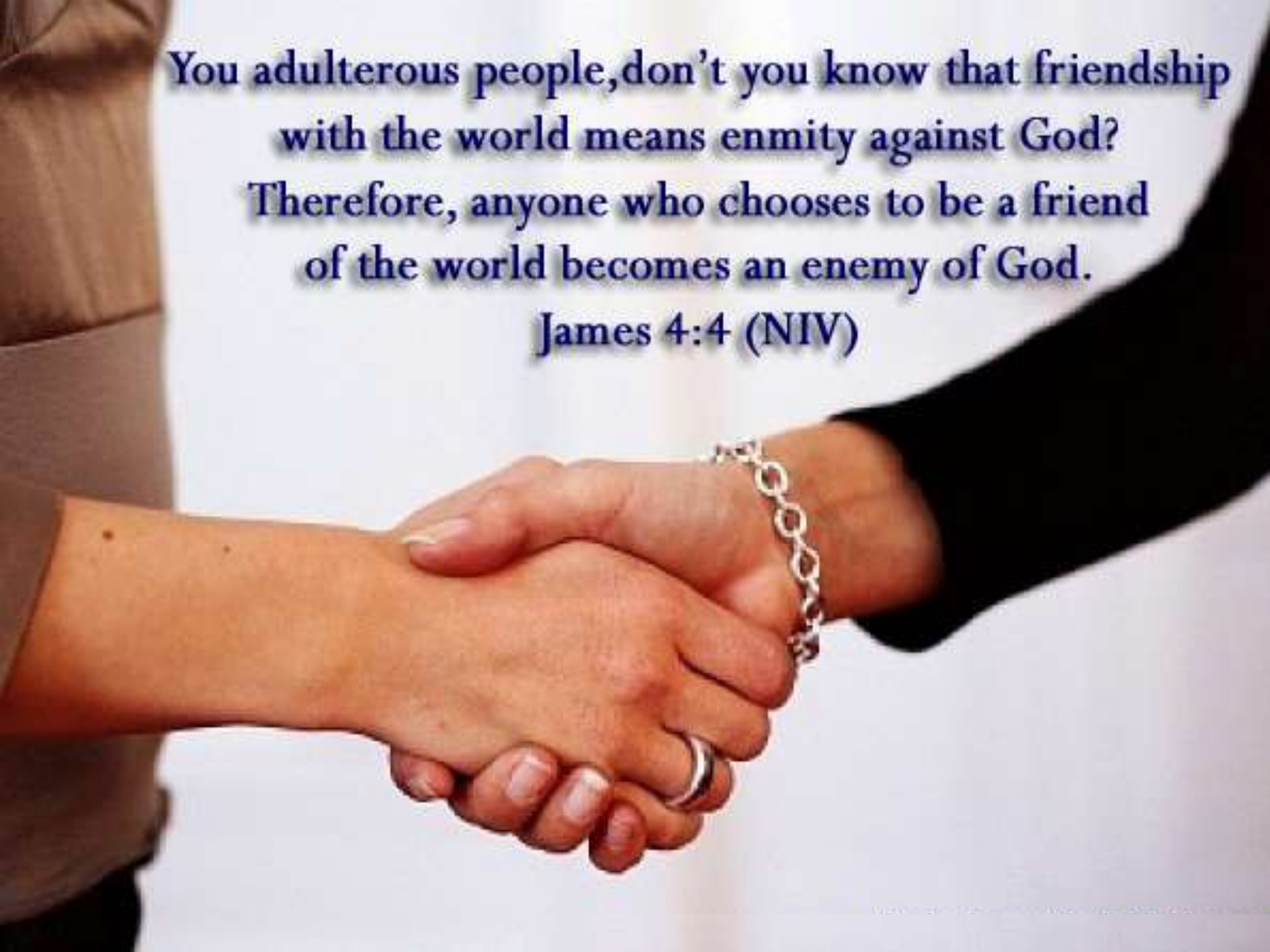
- Romans 8:7-8

Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are:
immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery,
enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes,
dissensions, factions, envying, drunkenness, carousing,
and things like these, of which I forewarn you, just as I
have forewarned you, that those who practice such
things will not inherit the Kingdom of God

Galatians 5:19-21

You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship
with the world means enmity against God?
Therefore, anyone who chooses to be a friend
of the world becomes an enemy of God.

James 4:4 (NIV)



1 John 2:15-17

¹⁵ Do not love the world, nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

¹⁶ For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world.

¹⁷ And the world is passing away, and *also* its lusts; but the one who does the will of God abides forever.

"For *many* walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the *enemies* of the cross of Christ: Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things."

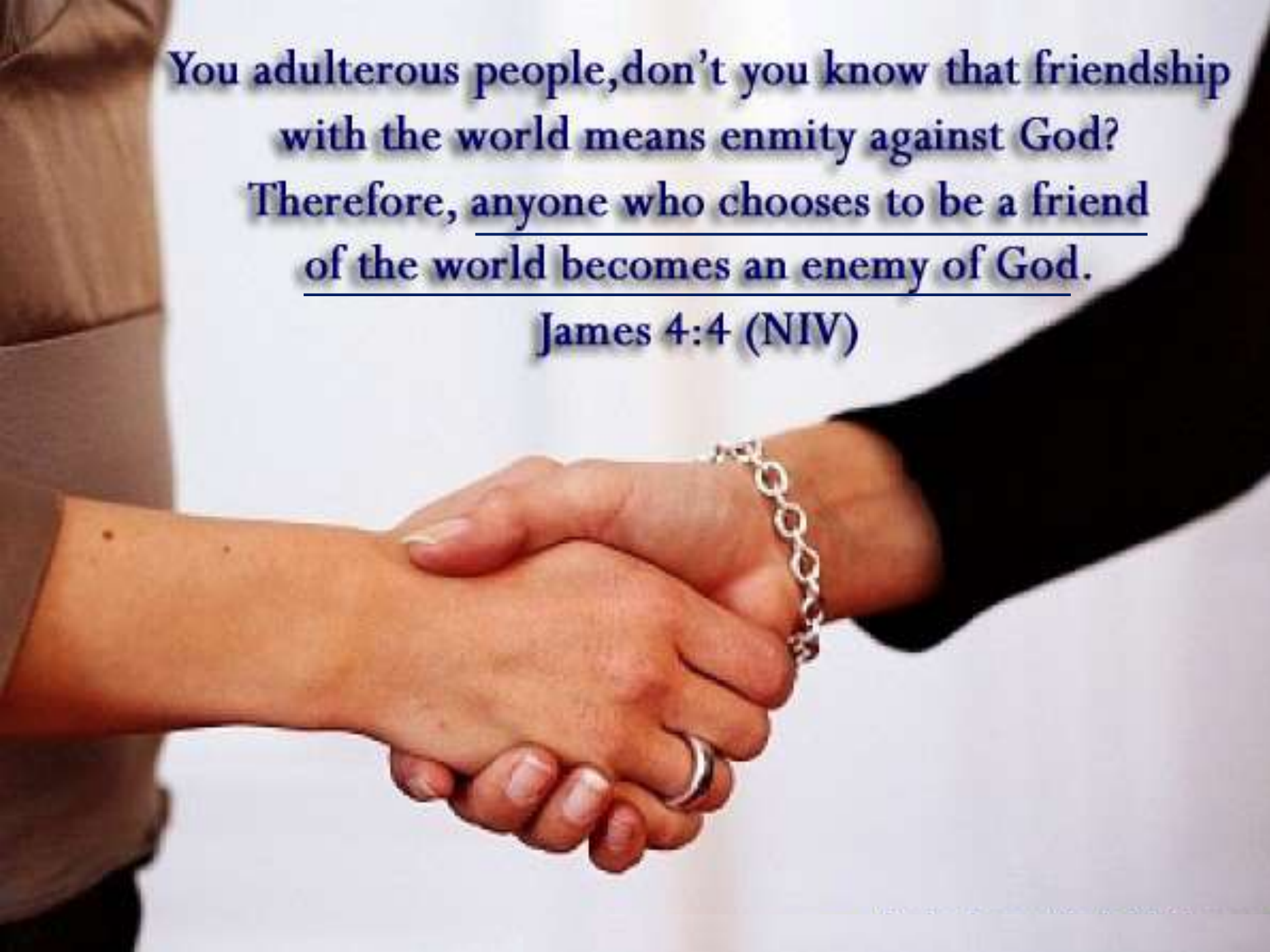
An open book is shown from a top-down perspective, lying flat. The edges of the pages are highlighted with a vibrant, multi-colored glow that transitions from yellow at the bottom to green and blue at the top. The text is centered on the pages.

Philippians

3:18-19

You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship
with the world means enmity against God?
Therefore, anyone who chooses to be a friend
of the world becomes an enemy of God.

James 4:4 (NIV)



1 Corinthians 2:12 (NKJV)

12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.





2. How Can I Spot the Enemy?

²⁴ Jesus told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. ²⁵ But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. ²⁶ When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared. ²⁷ "The owner's servants came to him and said,



Matthew

13:24-39

**'Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field?
Where then did the weeds come from?' ²⁸**

**"'An enemy did this,' he replied. 'The
servants asked him, 'Do you want us to go
and pull them up?' ²⁹ "'No,' he answered,
'because while you are pulling the weeds,
you may root up the wheat with them.
³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest.**



Matthew

13:24-39

At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.'" ³⁶ Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field."



Matthew

13:24-39

³⁷ He answered, "The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels.



Matthew

13:24-39




Manfred von Richthofen

The Red
Baron



3. What Should We Do?



I've been set free.

CHRISTIANPHOTOSHOPS.COM


We Need Deliverance



We Need to PRAY!



Who Will Deliver Us?

A silhouette of a person in a prayerful pose, with their head bowed and hands clasped, is positioned on the left side of the image. The background is a warm, orange-hued sky with soft, glowing clouds, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image in a white, cursive-style font.

*and lead us not into
temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
Matthew 6:13*

**24 O wretched man that I
am! Who will deliver me
from this body of death?**

Romans 7:24-25

**God says: “If thou wilt
indeed obey, then I will
be an enemy unto thine
enemies and an
adversary unto thine
adversaries.”**

Exodus 23:22

⁹ Yes, we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves but in God who raises the dead, ¹⁰ who delivered us from so great a death, and does deliver us; in whom we trust that He will still deliver *us*,

2 Corinthians 1:9-10