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Lesson 104: 2 Samuel 16:15-23 Out of Your Own House

Read Psalm 1:1-6. What should we not walk in? Where should our delight be? Why would a tree planted by water thrive? What will the wicked not stand in? What does God know? Who will perish?

Read Psalm 5:4-12. What does God not delight in? What does not dwell in God? What does God hate and abhor? (verses 5-6) What does the Psalmist ask God to lead him in? What kind of counsel do these evildoers provide? Why does the Psalmist ask God to allow the guilt of these evildoers fall on their own heads? (Verse 10)

Read Jeremy 7:21-26. God told the people to obey Him, but what did they do instead?

Read Galatians 5:16-25. The desires of the flesh are opposite the desires of what? What are the works of the flesh? What are the fruit of the Spirit? If you belong to Christ, what have you crucified (or are in the process of crucifying)? What are we to keep in step with?

Read James 4:1-10. What does James say causes fights? Why do we not receive what we ask for? (verse 3) What does friendship with the world mean? Who does God oppose? What should we do before God? If we submit, who is in charge then? Who are we to draw near to? What will be evidence of our repentance? (Verse 8 and 9). What does verse 10 tell us to do before God? What will God do? Will this necessarily be evidenced in our earthly treasures? What does "exalt" mean?

As you spend time with God today consider where your motives are as you talk to Him. Do you desire to "do the right thing" so others will see how good you are and look at you with admiration? Do you desire to "do the right thing" so God will be glorified? What do you delight in? What counsel do you follow? Is your heart focused on what you want, or what is according to God's will? Would your life demonstrate that you are a friend of the world, or of God? Whose good opinion do you care most about obtaining? Ask God to help you to humble yourself in His sight; to submit your will and your life to Him. Ask Him to help you, daily, to acknowledge His lordship in your life, and to help you to ask for the things that are not to feed your passions, but to glorify Him.