God Gives Grace To The Humble James 4:6

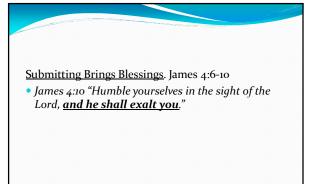
Review Of James

- Dealing With Temptations. 1:2-4
- Receive With Meekness. 1:21
- Fulfilling The Royal Law. 2:1-13
- Faith And Works. 2:14-26
- Taming The Tongue. 3:1-12
- Heavenly Wisdom versus Earthly Wisdom. 3:13-18
- Draw Near To God. 4:1-10

Drawing Near To God

Submitting Brings Blessings. James 4:6-10

- God "gives" GRACE, "<u>To The Humble</u>."
- Calls for decisive action:
 - *"Cleanse your hands"* by repentance. cf. Luke 13:3; 1 John 1:9
 - "Purify your hearts" obey the truth. cf. 1 Peter 1:22
 - "Be afflicted, mourn, weep" Godly sorrow for your sins. Matthew 5:4; cf. 2 Corinthians 7:10-11
 - "Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord." cf. 1 Peter 5:5-6



Humility Before The Lord Is Manifested...

"Speak not one against another ..." James 4:11-12

- Judgment to be impartial. James 2, especially verse 8; cf. 1:22
- Judgment to be with mercy. James 2: 12-13
- Judgment to be without hypocrisy. Matthew 7:1-6
- Judgment to be righteous. John 7:24
- DO NOT become judges of the law!
 - The law says, *"Love your neighbor ..."* Leviticus 19:18; cf. James 2:8
 - Be patient. James 5:7-9

Humility Before The Lord Is Manifested...

<u>Avoid arrogance and self-sufficiency</u>. James 4:13-17 "But now you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil" (James 4:16 NKJV)

- cf. Judges 6-7 Israel; cf. Isaiah 10:12-14 King of Assyria
- The worldly live without consideration of God. Luke 12:16-21
- "If the Lord wills ..." (James 4:15) cf. Acts 18:21

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"What is your life? For ye are a vapor, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away."

Life is brief.

- Job. 14:1-2 "Man that is born of a woman is of few days and full of trouble, he cometh forth like a flower and is cut down: He fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not."
- Psalms 90:10, 12 "The days of our years are three score and ten, or even by reason of strength fourscore years: yet is their pride but labor and sorrows, for it is soon gone, and we fly away" verse 12 "Teach us to number our days that we may get us a
- heart of wisdom."

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Death is certain.

Ecclesiastes 9:5 "For the living know they shall die." Hebrews 9:27 "It is appointed unto men once to die."

Sin defined: verse 17

Humility Before The Lord Is Manifested...

Right attitude toward riches. James 5:1-6 These brethren (James 2:1, 14; 3:1) had:

- Hoarded wealth. James 5:2-3
- Held back wages due laborers. James 5:4 (cf. Leviticus 19:13; Jeremiah 22:13; Malachi 3:5)
- Lived in self-indulgence. James 5:5; (Luke 12:15-21; cf. Amos 6:1-6)
- Murdered innocent men. James 5:6

Humility Before The Lord Is Manifested...

Patience. James 5:7-11

 $makrothum\acute{e}\alpha$ – "to endure patiently as opposed to losing faith or giving up (Hebrews 6:15; James 5:7,8)" (Complete Word Study Dictionary)

Illustrations:

- Farmer must wait for the harvest. James 5:7
- Prophets endured suffering. James 5:10
- Job persevered. James 5:11

Humility Before The Lord Is Manifested...

Their word is binding. James 5:12

- Doesn't require an oath. Matthew 5:33-37; 23:16-22
- To tell a lie is sin. Ephesians 4:25-29; Colossians 3:9

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