

## 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, “To The Humble.”
- 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

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- James 4:10 *“Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, **and he shall exalt you.**”*

## 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

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Avoid arrogance and self-sufficiency. 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**

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## 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

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## Humility Before The Lord Is Manifested...

Patience. James 5:7-11

*makrothumée* – "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

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## 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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