

sermon notes

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March 29th 2023 | "Is God Against You?" | **James 4:7-17**

How do we show humility before God, our brothers,
and in our own lives?

1) We show humility before God by _____
_____ (4:7-10)

2) We show humility toward the brothers by
_____ (4:11,12)

3) We show humility in our own lives by
_____ (4:13-17)

Questions for Further Application of God's Word:

GO DEEPER

Read James 4:7-17. What is the overarching theme of this passage? What is one way we show humility before God? What does true repentance look like? What are some of the things we need to do, if we humbly repent before God?

What is one way we show humility to our brothers? What does James warn us not to say about other believers? Why should we not speak evil of other followers of Christ? What is one way we show humility in our own lives? Why is it proud to boast in our plans? Why should we say instead say, "If the Lord wills..."?

GET PERSONAL

Think about what it means to "weep and mourn" over your sin. Have you ever truly felt remorse over what you've done? Is God telling you to "cleanse your hands" in some area of your life? Are there things in your life, including habits and thoughts, that need to change?

What other ways do we humble ourselves before God? What other ways can we show humility to fellow Christians?

PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

Think over past conflicts you've had with Christians. Did you ever "speak evil" or judge a brother? Have you ever spoken evil of a pastor or church leader? What good, if any, came from judging another follower of Christ? Did anything bad come from it?

Have you ever wrestled with confronting false teaching in the Church? In what ways can you expose the lies, while avoiding judging someone that Christ will one day judge?

Have you ever made plans, without thinking about God's will? Read Proverbs 16:1. Do you believe that God has the final say in your life? If you do, how does this change the way you think about your plans, both long-term and day-to-day?

ADVANCED QUESTION

Read what John the Baptist says about repentance in Matthew 3:8. In light of today's message, what are some of the "fruits" of repentance? Think about what James has taught about "taming the tongue." How does this relate to our passage about judging the brothers? Read Psalm 119:105. How does this passage shed light on what James says about making plans for our lives?