

Sunday AM - Session 2 – 6/3/2012
"The Presence of the Lord" - James 4:10

Reading:

Read James 4:7-10

Review the 10 imperative verbs in this passage.

In verse 10 the command BE HUMBLLED (APImp 2nd p. pl. of TAPEINOO) is the passive voice command to be brought low, devoid of haughtiness, having a modest opinion of oneself.

The passive voice tells us that we are to be the *recipients* of humility, as there is no way we can achieve this on our own.

Review:

- The Bible defines humility as the opposite of pride (Proverbs 11:2, 18:12). Pride keeps people focused upon themselves.
- The Bible teaches that humility honors others more than ourselves - Philippians 2:3, 1Peter 5 -
- The Bible teaches that God wants his people to be characterized by humility - Colossians 3, James 13
- Humility can spare us from God's Wrath (Proverbs 22:4 contrasted with Zephania 3)
- True humility focuses on God, not upon impressing people. God knows the difference between true humility and false humility (Colossians 2:16-23). False humility focuses on non-spiritual notions and regulations that have no beneficial impact on our relationship with God, for the purpose of impressing others, or even God.

In the Bible, those who are humble *are not wimps*. Despite His great power and strength, our Lord was humble (Matthew 11:29).

Exegesis of Verse 10:

Be humbled before the Lord and He will exalt you.

TAPEINOO ENOPION KURION KAI HUPHOSEI HUMAS

Only people with a hardened heart could be proud in the presence of the Lord. In Isaiah 6:2 we see the elect angles cover their faces in the presence of the Lord. John fell as a dead man at the feet of our resurrected Lord on the isle of Patmos. Moses, Joshua, David, Peter and others also caught a glimpse of God that they had never seen before; by so doing, they then saw themselves in a way they had never seen below. The closer we become to God, the more we come to recognize our own selfishness, weakness, insignificance and helplessness.

ENOPION is made up of two words (IN + SEE) or to see in with the eyes - this indicates actual perception of *what we see*. The Greek indicates being in sight before the face, or face-to-face. The humble person lives in the eye of God.

A sense of our own unworthiness in God's Holy Presence can only induce humility. What you are in the sight of God is what we truly are.

ENOPION (before) can be translated 3 ways:

- In front of, or in the presence of (Luke 1:19, Acts 10:30 Rev. 3:8, 7:15).
- In the sight of (Luke 23:14, John 20:30).
- In the opinion of, or in the judgment of

KURION = The Lord

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