Wed PM – 6/6/2012 "Mountaintop of Exaltation" – James 4:10

Read James 4:7-10

Review the 10 Verbs in the Imperative mood, verses 7-10

VERSE 7 SUBMIT (APImp. of *hupotasso*) RESIST (AAImp. of anthistemi) **VERSE 8** DRAW NEAR (AAImp. of *hegizo*) CLEANSE YOUR HANDS (AAImp. of katharizo) **PURIFY YOUR HEARTS** (AAImp. of hagnizo: MEANING: WHOLEHEARTED SEPARATION OR SANCTIFICATION) **VERSE 9** BE MISERABLE (AAImp. of talaiporeo) MOURN (AAImp. of *pentheo*) WEEP (AAImp. of klaio) LET YOUR LAUGHTER BE TURNED TO MOURNING, YOUR JOY TO GLOOM (APImp. of *metatrepo*)

VERSE 10
HUMBLE YOURSELVES (APImp. 2nd p. pl. of tapeinoo)

Verse 10:

Be humbled before the Lord and He will exalt you.

TAPEINOO ENOPION KURION KAI HUPHOSEI HUMAS

Be HUMBLED – (APImp 2nd p. pl. of TAPEINOO) is the passive voice command to be brought low, devoid of haughtiness, having a modest opinion of oneself, having an unassuming manner of life. We cannot be humble within ourselves; because of our sin nature, we have to be the recipient of humility; we must be humbled; that's why this verb is in the *passive* voice.

BEFORE – (ENOPION) means in the presence of the Lord (Psalm 19:14, 119:170, Daniel 1:9)

WILL EXALT – (HUPSOO) – This is the *mountaintop of exaltation*. This word means acknowledgement of approval, tribute, honor, praise, or award. The greatest compliment we could ever have is a compliment from our Heavenly Father. This could be seen as a light touch on the shoulder with the flat side of a sword. Will we receive such praise in the future? We need to want more than all else for the Lord to be satisfied with our production.

If we humble ourselves, God will not have to do it for us; in fact we will be in a sphere of spirituality through humility, reaching new spiritual heights. This allows God to do His Work in us in our day-to-day activities. There, we will be on the mountaintop of exaltation.

HUPSOS means height, or elevation; to be lifted up in space, to be lifted high, to be lifted to a place of honor or power. Our Lord was lifted up to die for us, and He was lifted up in resurrection body to take His place at the right hand of the Father.

HUPSOSEI is the Future Active Indicative, 3rd person singular of HUPSOO

The indicative mood of reality means it will happen just as it is written here. John 3:14, 8:28, John 12:32, 34

This is the picture that someone is falling down before the oriental monarch, begging for mercy, and the monarch leans from the throne, places his hand under the face and *lifts* (or exalts) the person from the dust in forgiveness.

This word HUPSOO is used 20 times in 13 verses, sometimes exalt, sometimes exalted, once lifted, once made great. Examples of this verb: Matthew 11:23 (Capernaum was our Lord's operation center, yet for their rejection, they would be held more responsible since Jesus was among them and they still rejected); 23:12 (Prideful Pharisees exalted themselves before mankind, but they would be brought low); Luke 1:52 (He has brought rulers down from their throne, while exalting the humble); Luke 10:15 (Capernaum will be punished); Luke 14:11; Luke 18:14 (This tax collector humbled himself and was exalted); John 3:14; 8:28; 12:32 (we are responsible for lifting up the Savior); Acts 2:33; 5:31; 13:17 and 2 Corinthians 11:7 (Paul asks if he was wrong, thus exalting the people to whom he preached, just because he preached to them without charge?)

Justification depends on God's Righteousness; while those who exalt themselves depend upon their own petty pitiful righteousness.

If we are to be praised, let it be from our Lord.

Be humbled before the Lord and He will exalt you.

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Note – there is no article before KURION – This is an extra emphasis upon the qualitative aspects of that proper noun, the Person of Jesus Christ.

The greatest exalting we will ever receive will be that we could receive from our Lord Jesus Christ; this is indeed *the mountaintop of exaltation*.