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18. This brings us to verse 10 which concludes this series of indictments that James charges to his parishioners:

James 4:10 Humble yourselves in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you. (NASB)

1. This verse continues James's sequence of imperative moods with number 10, the plural of an aorist passive imperative of ταπεινῶ (*tapeinōō*): "humble yourselves ... in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you."
2. The underlying mental attitude the believer must acquire, enhance, and deploy is from his soul's inventory of doctrinal ideas.
3. The positive impact a believer is challenged to deploy must come from one's maximum inventory of doctrines contained in the eleven categories of systematic theology.
4. The aorist tense of the verb "humility"—*tapeinōō*—is constative and refers to a believer who is grace oriented, exhibits positive volition toward the Word, and commits himself to the duty of consistently growing in grace.
5. This process enables the believer to engage in the principle of discipleship. This term is used in all four Gospels and the Book of Acts. It is the noun, μαθητής (*mathētēs*). This noun comes from the verb, μανθάνω (*manthánō*): "to learn, to know more fully."
6. The noun, *mathētēs*, refers to a learner or a pupil who accepts the instruction taught to him and then applied as a principle for his guidance and personal conduct. This therefore refers to authority orientation to the Word of God followed up by personal application to life and circumstances.
7. The key to spiritual growth is the principle of humility as the foundation of one's ability to grow in grace under the teaching ministry of the Holy Spirit.
8. The man with the communication gift of pastor-teacher translates, exegetes, categorizes, and organizes Scriptural passages into English and then communicates their meaning to his assigned congregation.

9. The believer who assembles must submit, under the filling of the Holy Spirit, to the pastor-teacher's gift of communication, respond to what is taught so that doctrine is transferred to the soul for application to his life, and the management of external challenges.
10. The next phrase in the verse is, **ἐνώπιον (enōpion)**: "face-to-face; in the presence of." What follows reveals whose presence is indicated: **Κύριος (Kúrios)**: "the Lord."
14. Humility is the mental attitude possessed by the copacetic Christian. The life of any believer with a relaxed mental attitude is one that reflects the possession of a high inventory of doctrinal ideas.
15. The angelic conflict means that every believer is a target for the Dark Side. Any spiritual advance is considered by Lucifer as a threat and steps are taken to dissuade that person from gaining an advantage.
16. What the advancing believer knows is that his duty is to fight off the tendency to fear the power of the opposition and instead place his faith in the immutable power of the Lord and His Word.
17. Trust the power of the Word. It will always overwhelm the advances posed by the enemy. The believer, inside the bubble, armed with the power of doctrine, is invincible in the Invisible War.
18. Therefore, with humility, the believer places his faith in these assets which provide a protective wall of fire around him.
19. The believer's soul stability is based on his absolute confidence in divine protection against the wiles of the Dark Side. We do not personally have the power to defend ourselves against Lucifer's forces and their strategies.
20. Our confidence is therefore based on our humility. We humble ourselves in the presence of the Lord and depend on His immutable power to protect us by His wall of fire. By doing this James declares that God will "exalt us."
21. The verb "exalt" is the predictive future active indicative of **ὑψώω (hupsóō)**, which includes prosperity, dignity, and honor, the accouterments of one's advanced level of spiritual maturity.

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(EXT)

22. This verse emphasizes the imputation of maximum blessing to the believer who advances to the high ground of spiritual maturity.



23. Here is the expanded translation of James 4:7–10:

James 4:7–10 is the passage that introduced the study of the Doctrine of Reversionism.

James 4:7 **1** Subordinate [aorist middle **imperative** of ὑποτάσσω (*hypotásō*)] yourself to God’s divine authority. **2** Stand fast [aorist active **imperative** of ἀνθίστημι (*anthístēmi*): resist] in opposition to the devil—*diábolos*—and he will flee, avoid, shun, escape from all y’all.

James 4:8 **3** Come near to God [aorist active **imperative** of ἐγγίζω (*engízō*): “to come near” and is a command for reversion recovery beginning with Rebound] and then He will come near [**predictive future** active indicative of ἐγγίζω (*engízō*)] to you [masculine plural of the pronoun, σὺ (*sú*): refers to all believers in reversionism]. **4** Wash your hands [aorist active **imperative** of the verb, καθαρίζω (*katharízō*): “to cleanse, in this case, the hands” and refers to Rebound], you sinners, and **5** cleanse your kardías [aorist active **imperative** of the verb, ἀγνίζω (*hagnízō*): “to make clean, to purify, to reform.”] from pollution, you double-souled [δίψυχος (*dípsuchos*): double-minded regarding God and *cosmos diabolicus*].

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Synopsis of James 4:7–10 in the context of 2021:

To gain a perspective of what the year A.D. 2021 and beyond have to do with these four verses in James 4, written in c. A.D. 45, we must do so from a biblical perspective.

We have observed that eternity is a realm in which God exists. It has no beginning and no ending.

