

Fresh Start: Make Things Right

James 4:6-8 and James 5:7-11

6 But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says:

*“God opposes the proud
but shows favor to the humble.”*

7 Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8 Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

James 4:6-8

God opposes: goes to war against.

Shows favor: on our side (humble)

*The Lord mocks the mockers
but is gracious to the humble.*

Proverbs 3:34

7 So humble yourselves before God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Submit yourselves: (vs. 7) lordship

Resist the devil: (vs. 7) exchanged life

Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. (vs.8)

Come near to God (vs. 8)

13 The Lord says:

*“These people come near to me with their mouth
and honor me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me.*

*Their worship of me
is based on merely human rules they have been taught.
Isaiah 29:13*

Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. (Vs. 8)

*Even the priests, who approach the Lord, must consecrate themselves,
or the Lord will break out against them. Exodus 19:22*

Wash your hands: (vs. 8) Hands are symbols for actions.

Purify your hearts: (vs. 8) Symbols for thoughts, motives and desires.

*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9*

Music

Sermon Part 2

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Wrapping it up: James 5:7-11

7 Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains. **8** You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near. **9** Don't grumble against one another, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door!

10 Brothers and sisters, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. 11 As you know, we count as blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.

James 5:7-11