

**Sunday, August 10, 2025**  
**JAMES: How We Overcome Worldliness**  
**James 4:7-10**

**Scripture passage: Psalm 8**

**Central Truth:** Our passage corrects a common error in the Christian community; obedience is the path to victorious Christian living.

*'The benefits of grace and more grace are ours along the road of obedience and more obedience. The God who says, 'Here is My grace to receive' says in the same breath, 'Here are My commands to obey.'*

- Motyer

*"Though He scoffs at the scoffers, yet He gives grace to the afflicted."*

Proverbs 3:34

**1. We must \_\_\_\_\_.**

**2. We must \_\_\_\_\_.**

*"Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil."*

Ephesians 6:11

*"Clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, for God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble."*

*<sup>6</sup> Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time, <sup>7</sup> casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you. <sup>8</sup> Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. <sup>9</sup> But resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brethren who are in the world."*

1 Peter 5:5-9

**3. We must draw \_\_\_\_\_.**

**4. We must pursue \_\_\_\_\_.**

*"Who may ascend into the hill of the Lord? And who may stand in His holy place? <sup>4</sup> He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who has not lifted up his soul to falsehood and has not sworn deceitfully."*

Psalm 24:3-4

**5. We must maintain a \_\_\_\_\_ view of our sin.**

**6. We must walk in \_\_\_\_\_.**

*"For the Lord takes pleasure in His people; He will beautify the afflicted ones with salvation."*

Psalms 149:4

*"Though He scoffs at the scoffers, yet He gives grace to the afflicted."*

Proverbs 3:34

*"Exalt that which is low and abase that which is high."*

Ezekiel 21:26b

*"Whoever exalts himself shall be humbled; and whoever humbles himself shall be exalted."*

Matthew 23:12

## **Doing the Word:**

- **Evaluate the degree to which we are submitting to God.**
- **Take the prescribed and ordinary steps to draw near to God.**

*'The first element in the conflict is this central battle to live near God, the battle for regularity and discipline in Bible reading, prayer, private and public worship, feasting at the Lord's Table, devoting ourselves to Christian fellowship, cultivating every appointed avenue whereby we can draw near to Him. Fellowship with God- and its consequent blessing of His fellowship with us- does not 'just happen'; we cannot drift into it any more than we drift into holiness. It is our first obedience.'*

- Motyer

- **Put off passivity, repent, and believe the Gospel, being assured of God's abounding grace, and doing our very best to walk in obedience to these commands.**