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God's Greater Grace After Repentance

James 4:5-10

- 1) Sinful problems exist in Christian churches today
 - a) Partiality (2:1-13); faith w/o works (2:14-26); uncontrolled tongue (3:12)
 - b) Bitter jealousy & selfish ambition fueled by our desire for pleasures (3:18—4:3)
 - c) Spiritual murder & adultery (4:2-5)
- 2) God's greater grace is granted for sinners who repent of their sins
 - a) Submitting to God
 - b) Resisting the devil, resulting in his fleeing from us
 - c) Drawing near to God, resulting in Him drawing near to us
 - d) Cleansing our hands; purifying our hearts (Jas. 4:8; cf. Isa. 1:15; Job 16:17; 22:30; Ps. 24:4; 26:6; 134:2; Prov. 15:8; Jer. 7:9-10)
 - e) Being miserable from separation (cf. Rom. 3:16; 7:24; Jas. 5:1; Rev. 3:17)
 - f) Mourning & weeping (cf. Matt. 5:4; Mark 14:72; Luke 6:21, 25; 2 Cor. 7:10)
 - g) Humbling ourselves in God's sight, resulting in Him exalting us (cf. Isa. 6:5; Matt. 5:3; 23:12; Jas. 4:6)
- 3) Thoughts about James 4:1-10
 - a) Fights & quarrels are the symptoms of befriending the world
 - b) Immersion in technology, culture, politics, & media create angst, false hope & jealousy
 - c) God's silence to our prayers can mean that we pray selfishly
 - d) Spiritual warfare includes the fears, anger, anxieties; lack of peace
 - e) We must repent of sin and restore fellowship w/ God