

James 4:10~ **Humble yourselves in the eyes of Yehowah,¹ and he will exalt you.**

Footnote: See Appendix 1D

1· Yehowah God does not want, nor does he allow, anyone to come before him with a haughty attitude of self-importance. Mankind must come to realize their real position before their God and how truly glorious he is by any comparison to any human being. To do this we must humble ourselves and recognize our failings and own up to them before him in honesty of heart, and with sincere repentance. Ones who do so, are the ones he will exalt among his people. However the haughty ones he will humiliate.

[Question] Who cannot gain entrance before Yehowah God ever?

[Question] What must men come to recognize about themselves relative to Yehowah God?

[Question] What then, does this require of each one of us?

2· And my people upon whom my name has been called humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn back from their bad ways, then I myself shall hear from the heavens and forgive their sin, and I shall heal their land. (2 Chronicles 7:14)

[Question] What does Yehowah God promise to do for his people, if they turn back to him in heartfelt repentance?

3· And he kept praying to Him, so that He let himself be entreated by him and He heard his request for favor and restored him to Jerusalem to his kingship, and Manasseh came to know that **Yehowah is the true God. (2 Chronicles 33:13)**

[Question] What terrible example of a man of wicked deeds did Yehowah God come to forgive, when he genuinely turned around and sought Yehowah's favor?

4· The **eyes of Yehowah are toward the righteous ones, and his ears are toward their cry for help. (**Psalms 34:15**)**

[Question] Who does Yehowah incline his eyes and ears toward?

5· For who has despised the day of small things? And they

will certainly rejoice and see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel. These seven are the **eyes** of **Yehowah**. They are roving about in all the earth. (**Zechariah 4:10**)

[Question] Whose eyes are roving about the earth to help his servants?

- 6· For the **eyes** of **Yehowah** are upon the righteous ones, and his ears are toward their supplication, but the face of **Yehowah** is against those doing bad things. (**1 Peter 3:12**)

[Question] Where are the eyes and ears of Yehowah God always directed towards?

[Question] What is he always against?

- 7· The very haughtiness of earthling man **will** humble him, but he that is humble in spirit **will** take hold of glory. (**Proverbs 29:23**)

[Question] What must come to be humbled in man?

[Question] What will the humble man take hold of?

- 8· Whoever **exalts** himself **will** be humbled, and whoever humbles himself **will** be exalted. (**Matthew 23:12**)

[Question] How will the self-exalting one fare, and the humble one?

- 9· When all the people saw it, they immediately fell upon their faces and said; Yehowah is the true God! **Yehowah** is the true God! (**1 Kings 18:39**)

[Question] What did the people realize when Yehowah God accepted the offering of Elijah at Carmel?

- 10· At this Naaman grew indignant and began to go away and say; Here I had said to myself; To me he **will** come out all the way, and **will** certainly stand and call upon the name of **Yehowah** his God and move his hand to and fro over the place, and actually give the leper recovery. (**2 Kings 5:11**)

[Question] What did Naaman expect from the man of the true God, showing he was not humble enough?

- 11· At that the princes of Israel and the king humbled themselves and said; Yehowah is righteous. (**2 Chronicles 12:6**)

[Question] What did the king and his princes do, when they called Yehowah God righteous?

- 12· And he continued to do what was bad in the eyes of Yehowah his God. He did not humble himself on account of Jeremiah the prophet, at the order of Yehowah. (2 Chronicles 36:12)

[Question] How did Zedekiah respond to the counsel of Yehowah God through Jeremiah?

- 13· Then I proclaimed a fast there at the river Ahava, to humble ourselves before our God, to seek from him the right way for us, and for our little ones, and for all our goods. (Ezra 8:21)

[Question] How did Ezra humble himself and all the people on their trek back to the Promised Land?

- 14· The fear of Yehowah is a discipline toward wisdom, and before glory there is humility. (Proverbs 15:33)

[Question] What is the fear of Yehowah God a discipline toward, and what must come before glory?

- 15· The result of humility and the fear of Yehowah is riches and glory and life. (Proverbs 22:4)

[Question] What results from humility and the fear of Yehowah God?

- 16· Hear, you people, and give ear. Do not be haughty, for Yehowah himself has spoken. (Jeremiah 13:15)

[Question] What must men never become before their God on high?

- 17· Therefore, whoever will humble himself like this young child, is the one that is the greatest in the kingdom of the heavens. (Matthew 18:4)

[Question] How must even mature adults come to humble themselves before their God, the ancient of days?

- 18· But when you are invited, go and recline in the lowest place, that when the man that has invited you comes he will say to you; Friend, go on up higher. Then you will have honor in front of all your fellow guests. (Luke 14:10)

[Question] How did Jesus Christ illustrate, how we should view our own self-importance?

- 19** Furthermore, we used to have fathers who were of our flesh to discipline us, and we used to give them respect. Shall we not much more subject ourselves to the Father of our spiritual life and live? (**Hebrews 12:9**)

[Question] What did all men give to their earthly fathers while growing up?

[Question] What is even more deserved toward Yehowah God?