

JAMES 18

The Terms of God's Grace

1. **4:4-5 - The Lust of the World is to Envy**
 - a. The lusts are described in James 3:14-16 and 1 John 2:15-17
 - b. Envy leads to death – Satan Isa 14:12-14, Adam, Joseph, Moses, Jesus Mat 27:18
 - c. David and Solomon warned against this – Prov 3:31, Psalm 37:1-2, 73:3-13, 17
 - d. “The scripture saith...” – Does not need to be a mistake. Eze 33:31, Exo 20:17

2. **4:6 - Grace to the Humble**
 - a. A non-exact quote from Prov 3:34 or Psa 138:6, By humility is life - Prov 22:4
 - b. God gives grace to whom he will - Exo 33:19 and Romans 9:15-16
 - c. “grace” mentioned 38x in OT, 4x in MMLJ, 90+ times by Paul, 23x Hebrew epistles
 - d. 4:7-9 - God gives grace to all men at all times, if they come on his terms.
 - e. Grace is not an obligation, it is undeserved; obedience does not earn it.
 - f. Lowliness, selling your possessions, exhibiting good works, is not your terms– Ro 5:8

3. **4:7-10 - The Terms of God's Grace**
 - a. Resist the devil, he will flee, ... but you may be killed – 1 Pet 5:8-9, Rev 12:9-11, 17
 - b. Who will ascend into the kingdom? The clean and pure – Psalm 24:1-4; Isa 1:15-16
 - c. Be afflicted and mourn, it is a time of weeping – Psa 119:71, 126:5, Jer 31:8-11
 - d. The afflicted will be rewarded, woe to the rich - Luke 6:20-25
 - e. God gave grace to his friends (but now even to his enemies) – 1 Pet 5:6, Heb 4:16;