Are you Wrestling with **emotions**? Or Are you receiving the **Blessing**?

Jas 4:6 But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.

7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.

Deut. 4:7 For what nation is there so great, who hath God so nigh unto them, as the LORD our God is in all things that we **call upon him** for?

1. Blessings come to those who submit to God
2. Submission is shown when we
   1. **Resist** the Devil

to stand against, oppose:--resist, withstand.

* + 1. Eph 4:27 Neither give place to the devil.
    2. Not combating, skirmishing and struggling “resist”

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God helping us put the devil on the run “Flee from you”

* The power of faith
* The power of the prayer of faith
* The power of the life of faith
* The power of truth
* The power of the Word of God

Ps 29:4 The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

De 4:12 And the LORD spake unto you out of the midst of the fire: ye heard the voice of the words, but saw no similitude; only ye heard a voice.

A sling of faith to bring the giant down and the others to flee

1Sa 17:51 Therefore David ran, and stood upon the Philistine, and took his sword, and drew it out of the sheath thereof, and slew him, and cut off his head therewith. And when the Philistines saw their champion was dead, they fled.

God help us to put the enemy to flight--- give no place, No place

James 4:8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.

(Submission is shown when we)-(a. resist the devil)

* 1. Drawing nigh to God

Heb 7:19 For the law made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a better hope did; by the which we draw nigh unto God.

Heb 7:25 Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

Psalm 145:18 The Lord is nigh unto all them that **call upon him**, to all that call upon him in truth

I Peter 1:22 Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:

Deut. 4:7 For what nation is there so great, who hath God so nigh unto them, as the LORD our God is in all things that we **call upon him** for?

Ex. 34:10—*And he said, Behold, I make a covenant: before all thy people* ***I will do marvels****, such as have not been done in all the earth, nor in any nation: and all the people among which thou art shall see the work of the LORD:* ***for it is a terrible thing that I will do with thee.***

Isa 55:6 Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near:

* The blessing is to God, for God, because of God (Bless 4000 x’s)

Rev. 5:12 Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.

Rev. 5:13 And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.

Rev. 7:12 Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God forever and ever. Amen.

* 1. Submission is shown when you “cleanse your hands”

Put away sin Godly repentance is true humility

Jas 4:6 But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.

Ro 2:4 Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?

Acts 3:26 Unto you first God, having raised up his Son Jesus, sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities. Ps 67:1 God be merciful unto us, and bless us; and cause his face to shine upon us; Selah. Heb 6:14 Saying, Surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee. Gal. 3:14 That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

Rom. 15:29 And I am sure that, when I come unto you, I shall come in the fulness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ.

What is the blessing you’re looking for?

The blessing we need is to be like Jesus!!! See Christ Honored and Glorified

Ge 32:24 And Jacob was **left alone**; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day.

25 And when he saw that he prevailed not against him, he touched the hollow of his thigh; and the hollow of Jacob's thigh was out of joint, as he wrestled with him.

26 And he said, Let me go, for the day breaketh. And he said, I will not let thee go, except thou bless me.

27 And he said unto him, What is thy name? And he said, Jacob.

28 And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed.

29 And Jacob asked him, and said, Tell me, I pray thee, thy name. And he said, Wherefore is it that thou dost ask after my name? And he blessed him there.

Jg. 13:17 And Manoah said unto the angel of the LORD, What is thy name, that when thy sayings come to pass we may do thee honour?

18 And the angel of the LORD said unto him, Why askest thou thus after my name, seeing it is secret?

19 So Manoah took a kid with a meat offering, and offered it upon a rock unto the LORD: and the angel did wondrously; and Manoah and his wife looked on.

20 For it came to pass, when the flame went up toward heaven from off the altar, that the angel of the LORD ascended in the flame of the altar. And Manoah and his wife looked on it, and fell on their faces to the ground.

2Co 12:7 And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.

8 For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me.

9 And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong. Eph. 6:10-14

1. If you want to be right with God you must start right where you are at
2. Now, The world desperately needs to get right with God,
3. The Lord has met our desperate need to get right with Him.
   1. Provided the power to be made free from sin and the terrible bondages of this life and to have Eternal Life.
   2. The Lord has revealed His Eternal Purpose: To have a people that will see from His point of view and proclaim the truth in the face of every foe His power is to make men free from sin and manifest the life of Jesus

Eph 3:8 Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ;

Holiness unto the Lord

**Love as unto the Lord --- (**Love as yourself?) love whom you will to love

Start on some level, right where you’re at. Is he truly your enemy?

* Love your enemy Love your neighbor Love your friend
* Love yourself Love the Lord The Love of the Lord

Love is based on principle- love is fruit-more than emotion – When love seems to quit commitment takes over until love returns.

The presence of God is given to those who prepare themselves. God gives a deep, intimate sense of His presence to those who do one thing:

* **Seek Him** through the **atoning sacrifice of His Son.**
* **Seek Him** through the **anointing of the Holy Ghost.**
* **Seek Him** throughthe **Truth**

John 8:31 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed 32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

Gen. 32:10 I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies, and of all the truth, which thou hast shewed unto thy servant; for with my staff I passed over this Jordan; and now I am become two bands.

2Sa 7:18 Then went king David in, and sat before the LORD, and he said, Who am I, O Lord GOD? and what is my house, that thou hast brought me hitherto?

2Sa 7:23 And what one nation in the earth is like thy people, even like Israel, whom God went to redeem for a people to himself, and to make him a name, and to do for you great things and terrible, for thy land, before thy people, which thou redeemedst to thee from Egypt, from the nations and their gods?

I Kings 3:6 And Solomon said, Thou hast shewed unto thy servant David my father great mercy, according as he walked before thee in truth, and in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with thee…

De 4:6 Keep therefore and do them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes, and say, Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.

1. Wisdom and understanding A good testimony Deut.4:6

De 4:7 For what nation is there so great, who hath God so nigh unto them, as the LORD our God is in all things that we call upon him for?

1. The Presence and Power of God in your life Deut.4:7

De 4:8 And what nation is there so great, that hath statutes and judgments so righteous as all this law, which I set before you this day?

1. The greatness of the nation consist in the righteousness of it’s laws. Deut.4:8

De 4:9 Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life: but teach them thy sons, and thy sons' sons;

1. De 4:9 Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently,

Take heed! Be careful! Watch, guard yourself closely!

De 4:15 Take ye therefore good heed unto yourselves; for ye saw no manner of similitude on the day that the LORD spake unto you in Horeb out of the midst of the fire:

De 4:23 Take heed unto yourselves, lest ye forget the covenant of the LORD your God, which he made with you, and make you a graven image, or the likeness of any thing, which the LORD thy God hath forbidden thee.

Deut. 4:29 But if from thence thou shalt seek the LORD thy God, thou shalt find him, if thou seek him with all thy heart and with all thy soul.

Psalms 107:8, 15, 21, 31 Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

Rom. 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

* God wants a living sacrifice- first a live sacrifice, not dead fruit or plant, gifts, flowers or just plain movements
* God wants people to sacrifice their lives—their hearts, spirits, and bodies—to Him. He wants people to surrender themselves—totally and absolutely, but He wants them living, not dead.
* God accepts a living sacrifice, not a dead one.

Psalms 24:3 Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place? 4 He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. 5 He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.