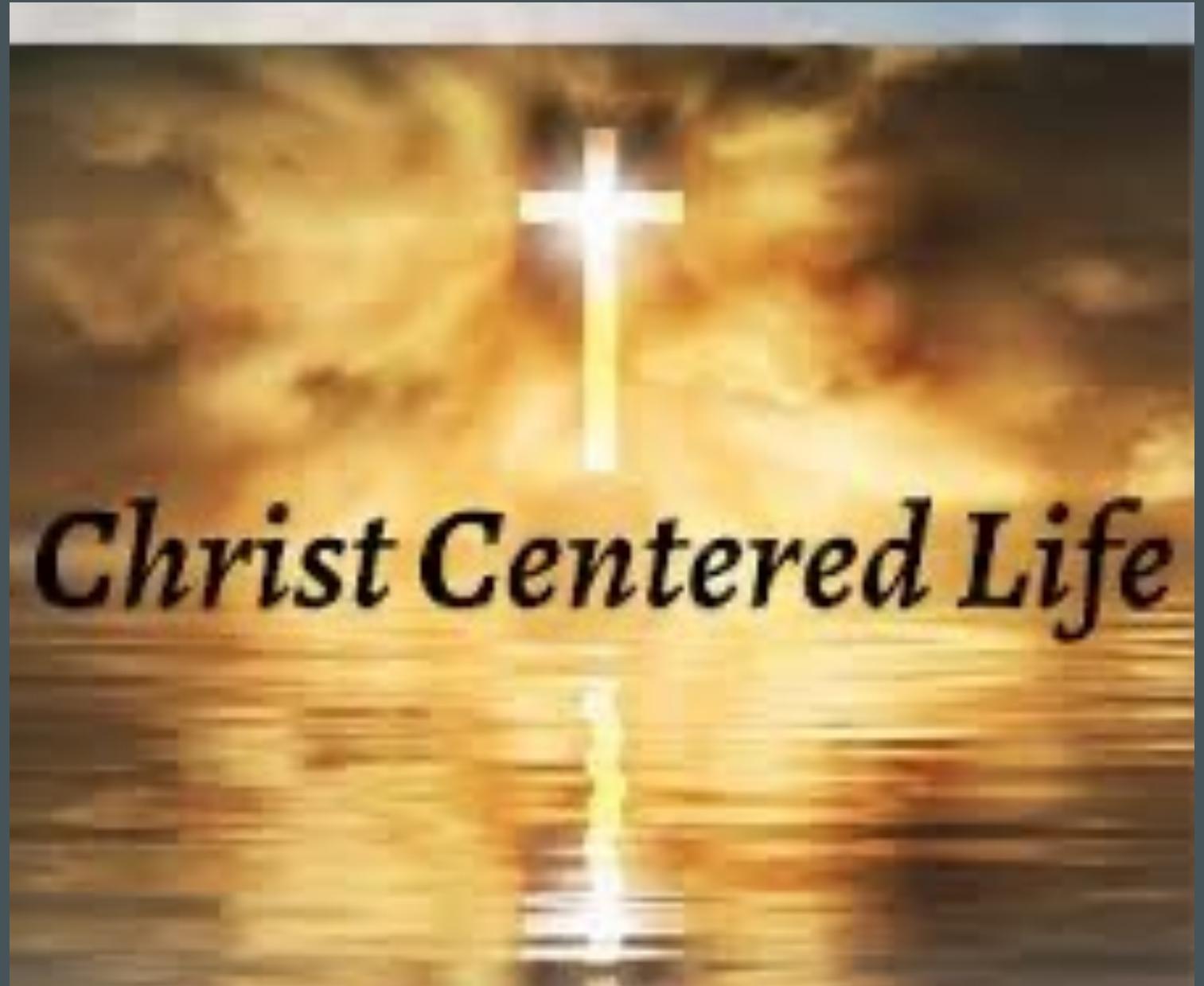
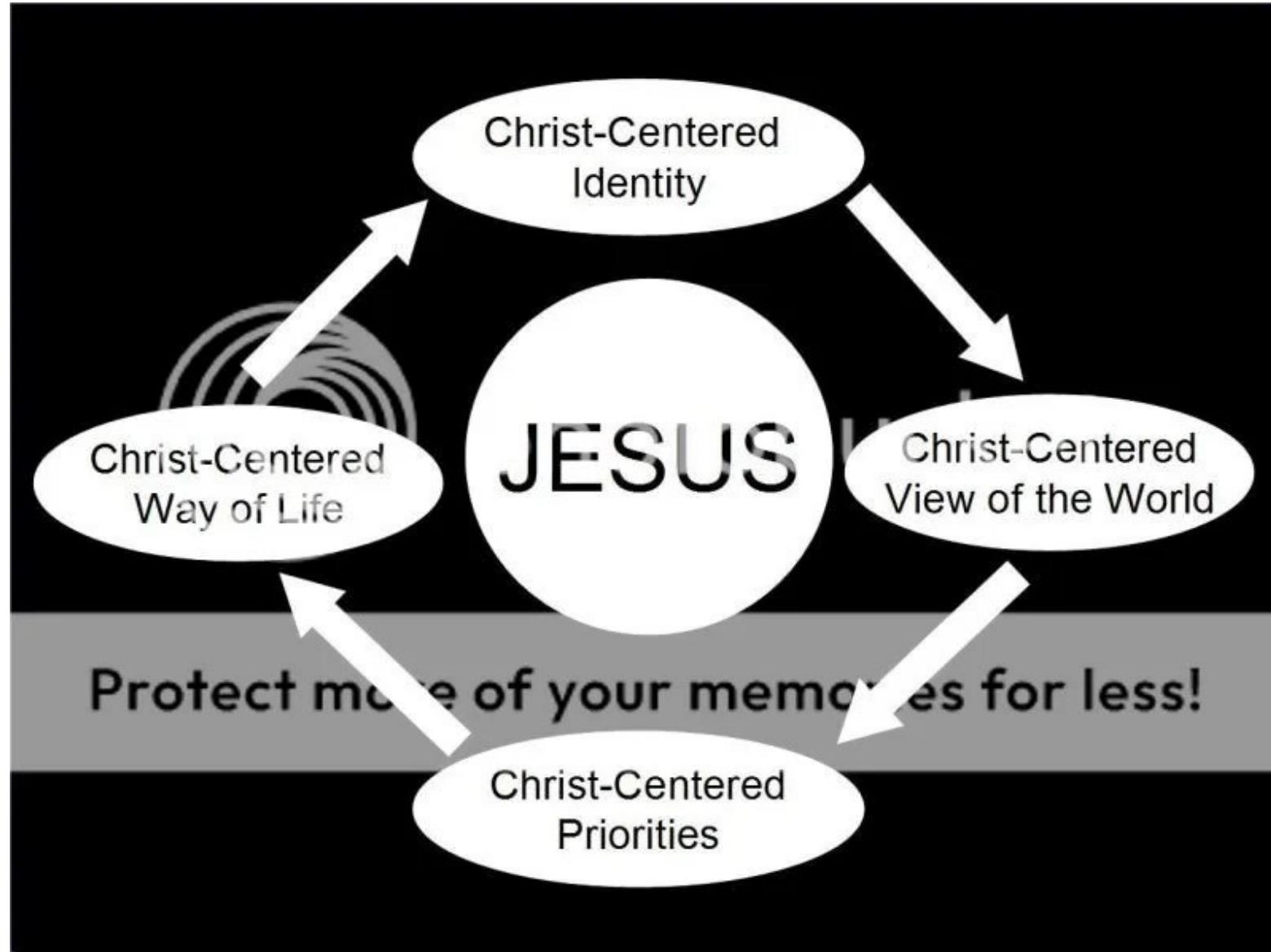

PART 2

JAMES 4: 6 – 12

SOLID ROCK CHURCH

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AUTHORITATIVE PEACEMAKING

James 4 uses confrontational language to indict believers for adopting worldly behaviors and neglecting their relationship with God.

The focus on "you" and “your” highlights personal responsibility,

James uses “you or yours” 33X in 4:1-17

CHRIST CENTERED LIFE – PART 1

Letter to believers - we are called to be like Christ

Essence of sin is selfishness – rejects Christ

Quarreling among believers is sinful – opposes Christ

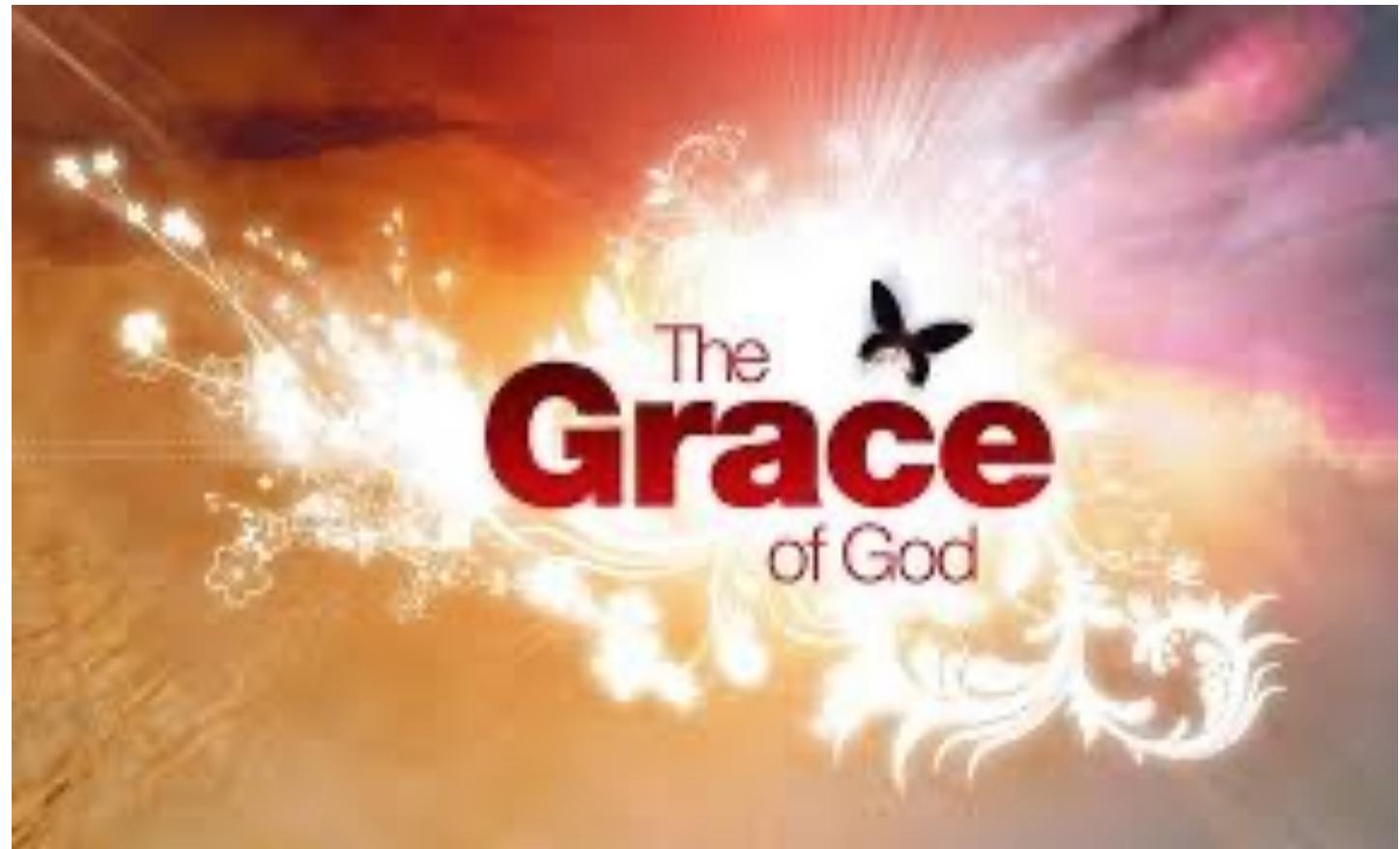
We don't pray or pray selfishly – saddens Christ

Desire for the world opposes Christ - grieves the Spirit

God is a jealous God, and demands full devotion/obedience

JAMES 4: 5 - 6

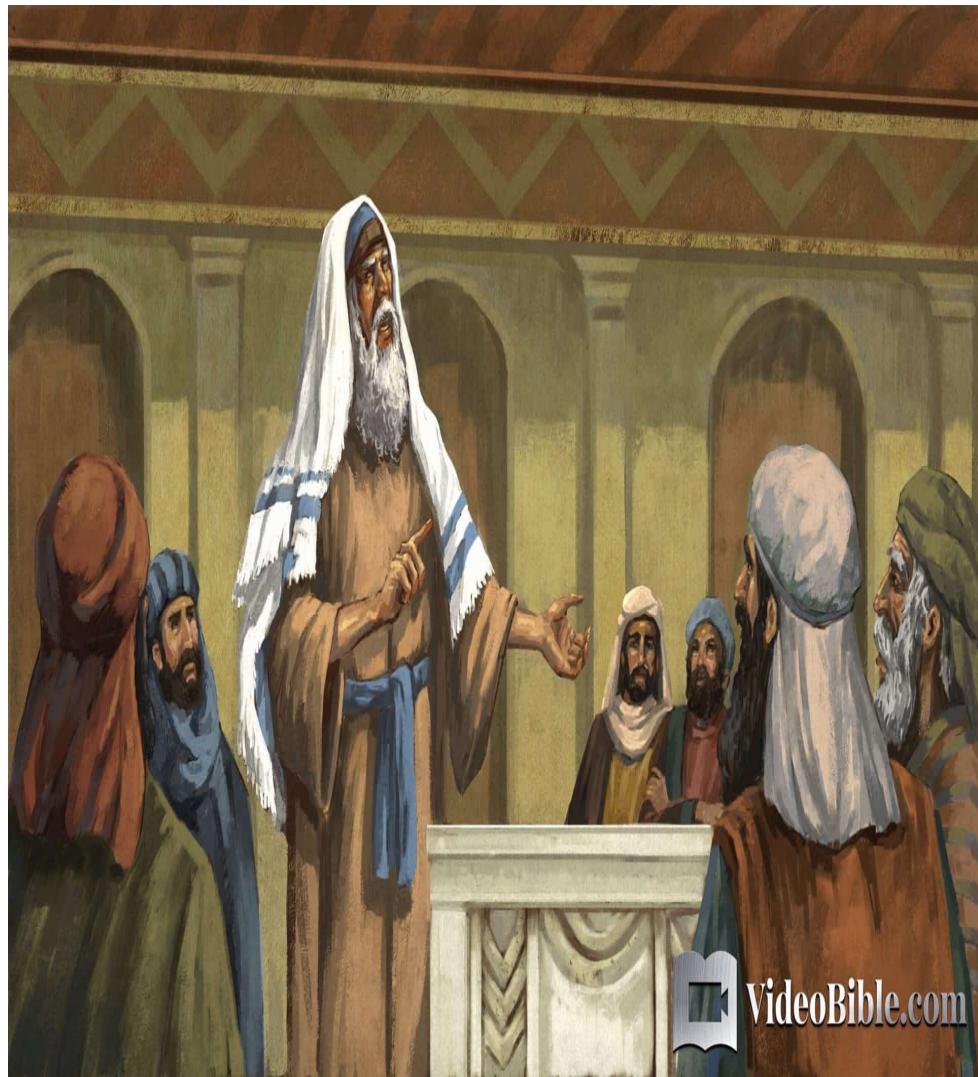
He yearns jealousy over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us? But he gives more grace, therefore it says, “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”



MORE GRACE TO OBEY

God gives us rigorous requirements of holiness and obedience.
God gives us faithful forgiveness, the training and grace to obey.

Titus 2: 11 - 12, For the grace of God has appeared, (1) bringing salvation for all people, (2) training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to (3) live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age.



JAMES 4: 6

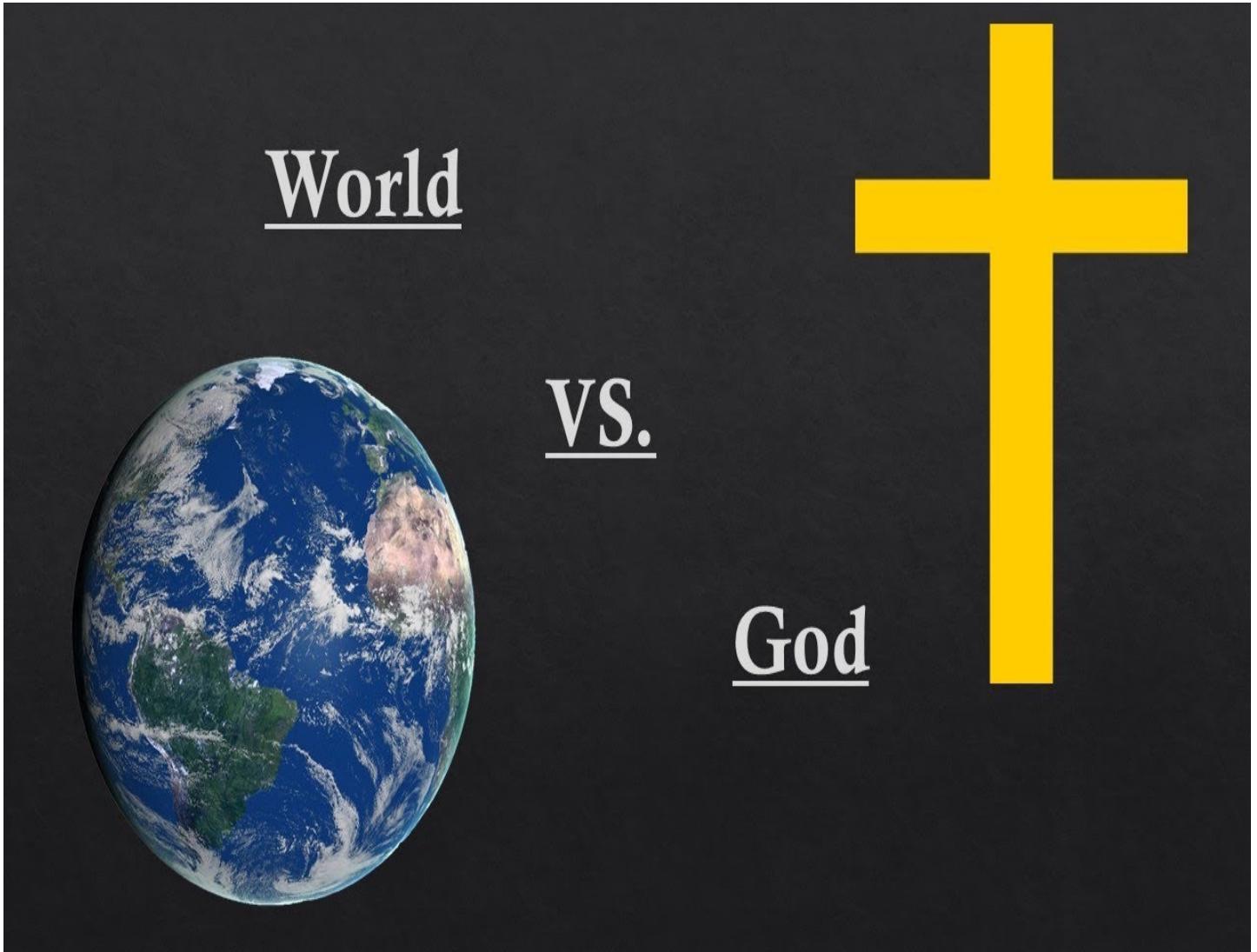
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Proverbs 3: 34

1st Peter 5: 5

James equates
pride with
worldliness.

And humility with
the Lord.





SCRIPTURE
COMPARISON

10 THINGS OF GOD FOR US

ANNIE YORTY

1. **GRACE** **Ephesians 1: 6**, So we praise God for the glorious grace he has poured out on us who belong to his dear Son.
2. **KINDNESS** **Ephesians 1: 8**, He has showered his kindness on us, along with all wisdom and understanding.
3. **WISDOM** **James 1: 5**, If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you.

10 THINGS OF GOD FOR US

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4. BLESSING **Ephesians 1: 3**, All praise to God, ... who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing.

5. SPIRIT **Titus 3: 6**, He generously poured out the Spirit upon us through Jesus Christ our Savior.

6. COMFORT **2nd Corinthians 1: 3**, God is our merciful Father and the source of all comfort.

10 THINGS OF GOD FOR US

ANNIE YORTY

7. PEACE **2nd Thessalonians 3: 16**, Now may the Lord of peace himself give you his peace at all times and in every situation.

8. LOVE **Romans 5: 5**, The love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

9. FAVOR **1st Corinthians 15: 10**, But whatever I am now, it is all because God poured out his special favor on me.

10 THINGS OF GOD FOR US

ANNIE YORTY

10a. JOY **Romans 15: 13**, I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him...

10b. CONFIDENCE **Romans 15: 13**, ...Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.

3 THINGS OF THE WORLD

1st John 2: 15 – 16, Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. For everything in the world - (1) the lust of the flesh, (2) the lust of the eyes, and (3) the pride of life - comes not from the Father but from the world.

1. LUST OF THE FLESH

Galatians 5: 19 – 21, The lusts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God

2. LUST OF THE EYES (COVETING)

Exodus 20: 17, Deuteronomy 5: 21, You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor's.

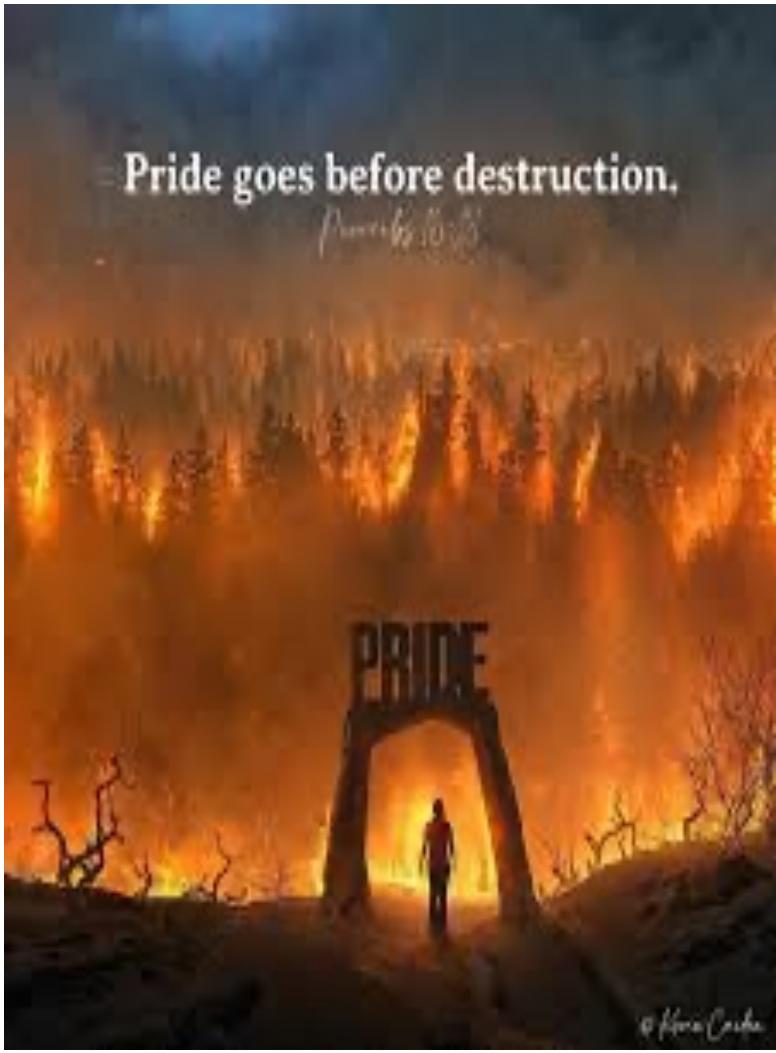
Luke 12: 15, Take care, and be on your guard against covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses.

3. PRIDE OF LIFE (SELF GLORY)

Proverbs 16: 5, Everyone who is arrogant in heart is an abomination to the LORD; be assured, he will not go unpunished.

Proverbs 8: 13, The fear of the LORD is hatred of evil. Pride and arrogance and the way of evil and perverted speech I hate.

Psalm 10: 4, In the pride of his face the wicked does not seek God; all his thoughts are, “There is no God.”



Pride goes before destruction.

Proverbs 16:18

PROVERBS 16: 18 - 19

Pride goes before destruction,
And a haughty spirit before a fall.

Better *to be* of a humble spirit with
the lowly than to divide the spoil with
the proud.

The immediate
counter to the
Things of the
World!

Submit yourselves therefore to God.
Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.
James 4:7



COMMAND ORDER TO COUNTER THE WORLD

1. SUBMIT TO GOD

Submission in Greek: *Huppotaso* - to arrange under (military)

Submission to God: voluntarily arranging yourself under the authority, accountability, and absolute truth of the Lord.

2. RESIST THE DEVIL

Resist in Greek: *Anthistemi* – to stand against, oppose (military)
Resisting is active, assertive, and sustained

1st Peter 5: 8 – 9, ...Your adversary the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion...Resist him, standing firm in your faith.

THE COMMAND ORDER

1. Submit to God
2. Resist the devil
3. Draw near to God

Come near to God
and he will come near
to you. Wash your
hands, you sinners,
and purify your hearts,
you double-minded.

James 4:8

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A. W. TOZER QUOTES FROM THE PURSUIT OF GOD

“You can see God from anywhere - if your mind is set to love and obey Him.”

“Every man is as close to God as he wants to be.”

“We need never shout across the spaces to an absent God. He is nearer than our own soul, closer than our most secret thoughts.”



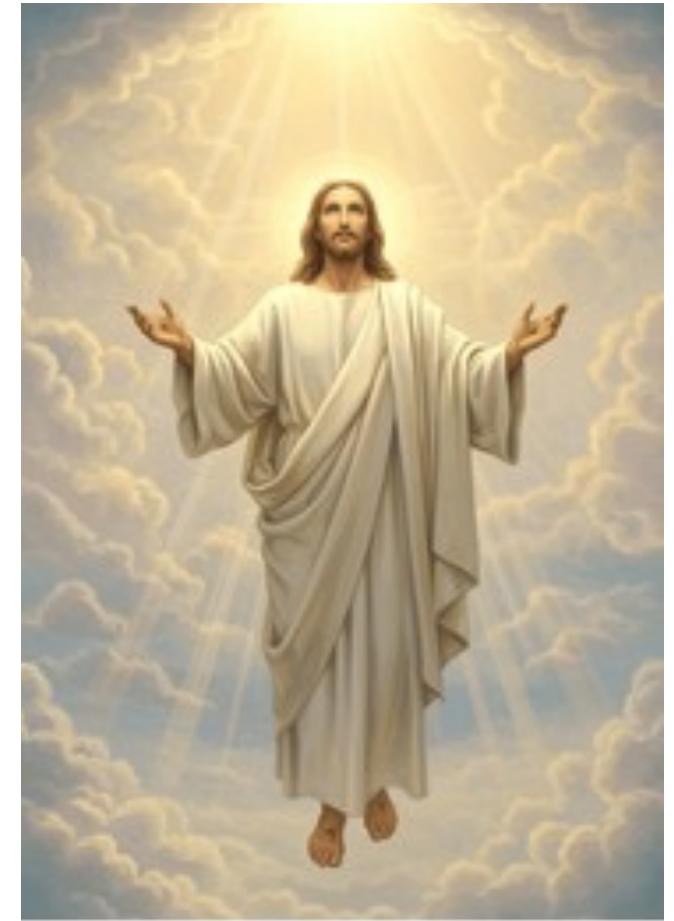
SEEK AND FIND GOD

Proverbs 8: 17, I love those who love me, and those who seek me diligently find me.

Jeremiah 29: 13 – 14, You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you, declares the Lord.

SEEK AND FIND GOD - JESUS

Matthew 7: 7 – 8, Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.



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PARALLEL COMMANDS

Wash your hands – you
sinners

Purify your hearts –you
double minded. (loving
the World and God)



WASHING AND PURIFYING

Refers to OT rules for sacrificial cleansing

Priests had to have a ritual washing to lead rituals

KING DAVID'S RHETORICAL QUESTIONS

CLEAN HANDS
AND A PURE
HEART

Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord? Who may stand in His holy place? The one who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not trust in an idol or swear by a false god.

Psalm 24:3-4



PROGRESSION: PURE HEART + CLEAN HANDS + OBEDIENCE TO TRUTH = LOVING OTHERS

A purified heart and clean behaviors, words, and thoughts can't be separated. The result is the centered life in Christ and the love and fruit that follow.

1st Peter 1: 22, Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart ...

JAMES 4: 9 – 10

Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord and He will exalt you.



*The Call to
Repentance*

TO REPENT

To feel - and express - deep regret and remorse for our sin

To turn away from the sin- to see sin from God's eyes

Isaiah 6: 5, “Woe to me!” I cried. “I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty.”

Acts 3: 19, Repent therefore, and turn back (to God)

HUMBLE TO EXALTED

Humble: a modest evaluation of one's value or importance, not arrogant or self important

Exalt: hold in very high regard; think and speak highly of

1st Peter 5: 6, Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.

PHILIPPIANS 2: 5 - 11

Indeed, let this attitude be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus. Though he was by nature God, he did not consider equality with God as a prize to be displayed, but he emptied himself by taking the nature of a servant. When he was born in human likeness, and his appearance was like that of any other man, **he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.** Therefore, **God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**



Matthew 23: 11 - 12, The greatest among you will be your servant, and whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.

