

"The Problem: No Submission" Oct 25, 2020

I. **James 4:6-10**

- **What does the word "submit" mean? Answer: (Greek) To obey; to place yourself under one's authority; to be in subjection to; (Webster Dictionary) Accept or yield to a superior force or to the authority or will of another person**
- **What does the phrase "humble yourself" mean? Answer: To bring low**

"I bring a gracious rebuke for my people, says the Lord. Whom I love, I will always bring correction and the opportunity to prevail. Listen and receive: There is no change because there is no resistance and there is no resistance because there is no submission. Hear what the Spirit says to the church...I knock at your door daily, waiting patiently to dine; Satan has remained too long on the inside while I have stood without. My rebuke is clear: Touch not the unclean thing and I will receive you. Separate from the fellowships of unbelief and I will heal you. Submit yourself to my ways, and you will see...Satan has no power and he will always flee. I come quickly, says the Lord. Stop trying within yourself and simply "BE". If any man be in Christ, He is a new creature; old things are passed away and all things are become new." This is my promise...this is my covenant today!"

- Who or what are you submitted to? Who or what have you placed your faith in?

- The problem is no submission; the answer is humility and trust

II. Submission To God and To Each Other

A. **Ephesians 5:14-21**

1. "Awake....and Arise" (Stir up the gift and separate from unbelief)
2. The power of accountability and the power of agreement among believers

B. **1 Peter 5:5-9**

1. Notice at the top of God's list of things He hates and resists: Pride (**Prov 6:16-17**)
2. **The Promise: (Deut. 28:13)** "You will be the head and not the tail; above only and not beneath." – The Problem: Being who we want to be instead of Being who God has called us to be; Doing things without His advice and consent thinking that we know what's best. The Answer: Stop trying to do things within your own power (It only brings stress, worry, and fear); submit yourself to God, and allow Him to take you to the top!