

*The Light - Junior Series*  
*Lesson 7*

*The Believer - HUMBLE or Arrogant*  
*In GOD'S PLAN or in Satan's Cosmic System*  
*HOLY SPIRIT versus the Old Sin Nature*



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*James 4:6-7 "God is opposed to the arrogant, but gives grace to the humble.  
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James 4:10 "Humble yourselves in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you.*

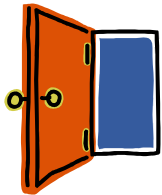
## BEFORE YOU BEGIN

If YOU have never believed in the Lord Jesus Christ as your Savior, you have the opportunity to do so right NOW. Simply tell God the Father that you believe in His Son, Jesus Christ, who loved us so much that He came down from heaven and became a man to take our place and pay for the penalty for all the sin of all mankind. Jesus, the Savior died on the Cross for your sins and the sins of the whole world. Then Jesus was buried but He rose again and He is alive today seated at the right hand of the Father in heaven. When you make the decision to believe in Jesus in simple faith based on His work on the Cross, you are now a believer and will always be a child of God. When you die, you will spend eternity with Him in Heaven. *(Acts 16:31) "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved."* *(John 3:16) "God loved the world so much that He gave His One and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."*



### Lesson

Now that you're total experts on the Angelic Conflict and the cosmic system of Satan (not really but you do understand very well in what you have been taught so far) (good for you), we're going to shift our focus on you the believer avoiding the cosmic system and on God the Holy Spirit and His relationship with the believer...YOU!



Only believers can have a relationship with God and live in His plan and that's a "maybe...a BIG MAYBE!" Whether you take advantage of this possibility depends upon your volition or free will. The Holy Spirit stands by waiting for you to enter the door to that relationship with Him every minute of your lives as believers.

Remember in our past lessons, the Bible warns us (believers) against being demon influenced in our souls by not confessing our sins regularly in 1 John 2:15-16. God says "Stop loving the cosmos (cosmic system) or anything related to it (the world). If anyone keeps loving the cosmos (cosmic system), the love of the Father (personal love for God which is our spiritual self-esteem) is not in Him. Because all that is in the cosmos (cosmic system)...the lust of the flesh (our old sin nature controlling our soul), and the lust of the eyes (arrogance that drives us to want things of the world), and the arrogant pattern of life (arrogance in action)...is not from the Father but from the cosmos (world or cosmic system)."

He warns us again in Eph 4:27 when He commands believers to stay out of the cosmic system. "Do not give the devil an opportunity (to influence your soul)." The believer who gets into the cosmic system through sin without confessing remains there to produce human good and evil. I know that's NOT where you want to live. If you go there you will give the devil an opportunity that will bring you to the point of not being in God's plan and enjoying His blessings and I know none of you want that. Let the Spirit lead you constantly. So far you shine for Christ...stay there, okay?



The believer gets out of the cosmic system only through the rebound technique. That's confession of sin. It takes real humility to confess our sins. When we recognize that we have gone against God and confess it we are saying I want to do your will, Father...here are my sins. HE LOVES THAT!!! God loves it when we are humble (teachable...willing to do what is right before God) and He gives us lots of grace blessings when we are humble and want to stay in His plan.

The issue of spiritual living versus cosmic living is given in Jam 4:6 "But He gives a greater grace (lots of blessings!)." James is quoting from the Old Testament in Pro 3:34 here when he says, "God makes war against the arrogant, but gives grace to the humble." The "arrogant" here are believers who have followed in the pattern of Satan and are living in cosmic system without confessing. God will make war against any form of arrogance in the life of the believer. And this arrogance, of course, comes from involvement in cosmic system and failure to confess our sins and live in God's plan. It's either one or the other, kids.

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Remember we have two (2) natures in us, right? Do you remember what they are? They are at war in our bodies all the time. They are the old sin nature from Adam and the new spiritual species or nature from God at the moment we believe in Jesus as our Savior. God gives (greater) grace to that form of our life which is humble...the new spiritual species. **2 Cor 5:17 "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ (and you are), he is a new creation. The old (sin nature) has passed away (lost its power in us); behold, the new (spiritual nature) has come (and it cannot sin!!!)." You must choose, guys!**

Now listen up! You can have this humility the Bible talks about in these verses one of two ways! You can have genuine humility from the filling of the Holy Spirit and obedience to God's Word and plan for your life by making the decision to be genuinely humble...OR...you will get enforced humility from God through divine discipline. Humility (NOT ARROGANCE) is the secret to the understanding and appreciating the grace of God. He loves to pour out His blessing upon you...happiness, peace, contentment, love, graciousness, patience, endurance and stronger faith as you take His blessings. God loves you and wants you humble and happy!



God the Holy Spirit loves you so much that He sets Himself up to do battle against the arrogance of your indwelling sin nature, but He gives grace to the humility of your new spiritual nature. Arrogance is the manifestation of evil, and it is the opposite of grace orientation. Humility is the opposite of arrogance.

Do you know that humility is a state of mind that makes you think that you and your needs and wants are less important than others needs and wants and that when you have that state of mind you are so very willing to submit to the authority of God and all authority God has for you? JESUS CHRIST was the Perfect Picture of true humility when He came here as a man and lived here for 33 years on earth. He completely gave Himself over to the authority and the will of God the Father, to the point of death for us!!!! **Philip 2:3-8.** Let's open our Bibles and read it now. Jesus Christ is equal to God the Father in His deity, yet in perfect humility as a man He put Himself under His Father's plan. That is the state of mind we must have through the power of the Holy Spirit and the influence He has on us through the Word of God in our souls.



None of us as believers can think like Jesus Christ and at the same time be arrogant. Bible doctrine is the thinking of Jesus Christ. It is Jesus' mind and our goal. **1 Cor 2:16 "For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ."** Learning and applying God's Word is our shield against arrogance. Put up your shields, kids. In **James 4:7** it says, "Submit therefore to God." That's life inside the divine factory of the Plan of God. "Resist the devil and he will flee from you." You resist the devil by life inside the plan of God, the filling of the Spirit, and genuine or enforced humility. Please be willing to be humble so God can bless you, okay?



You know that you are all royal priests in the Church Age, right? One of the things God gave you at the moment you believed in our Savior, Jesus, was a royal priesthood. That's your direct line to God. When you live in His plan by confessing your sins, by studying His Word everyday, and applying it you are functioning in your priesthood. You also use your direct line when you pray...a huge part of your royal priesthood. We need GOD. He loves when we use all the grace blessings He provides for us...SO USE THEM EVERYDAY...live like His royal priest, okay? As you study God's Word, check off each day on your own calendar.



You are also a royal ambassador for Jesus especially when you apply Bible doctrine everyday. The result is momentum in the spiritual life. Do you know what I mean by momentum? Momentum is like riding a bike down a hill...you don't have to peddle at all...your gliding down because you peddled hard just before you

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got to the hill and the momentum of your motion carried you down the hill. Well that is what studying God's Word everyday does for you IF you believe it and live it.

Again **James 4:7** tells us to "Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you." The devil cannot touch any believer inside of the PPOG...that's terrific news isn't it! But you already knew that! Also in **James 4:8** tells us to "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you." Doesn't that make you want to obey God and live in His plan. When you think like this it's called (big word coming) motivational virtue. All this means is that you love God so much that it makes you want to obey Him and live in His plan.



So here are some commands from James (Jesus' brother who wrote this letter through the power of the Holy Spirit). **James 4:8** "Cleanse your hands (that means rebound...confess your sin), you sinners (believers living in the cosmic system) and purify your hearts (in the Bible heart means the right side of your mind), you double-minded." Wow James is calling us double minded!!! This refers to those who are involved in the two cosmic systems. Now I briefly mentioned there are two cosmic systems of Satan, remember? But we haven't

really studied the differences between the two yet so I'm going to say that James is really worried about believers getting involved in Satan's systems. You are all too smart to fall for his tricks to get you into one let alone two of them!!!! God is so much stronger than the devil and his systems and God is right there for you when you stick with His plan. Don't forget, you have the Holy Spirit and His supernatural POWER living right inside you!!!!

But James is really worried about you and he goes on to say to us that if we don't do as he says, he's telling us we will be very unhappy if we stay in the cosmic system. Let's look at the verse in **James 4:9**. "Be miserable and mourn and weep; let your laughter be turned into mourning, and your joy to gloom."

Wow he's serious, isn't he? Now James is talking to believers who live in the cosmic systems and he is talking to them and commanding them because it is absolutely, totally, completely, impossible for any believer to live inside of the cosmic system and have any happiness. Oh believe me the Holy Spirit is fighting for these believers to get back into fellowship with Him...it's the Holy Spirit versus the old sin nature here. It's up to you and me to wake up if we are in the cosmic system and get out fast!!!! Then of course here's the GREAT command from God in **James 4:10** "Humble yourselves in the presence of the Lord and He will exalt you." That's life, action and momentum, inside God's plan for you life...that's becoming a winner believer. That's YOU, kids! Stay there. Rewards are coming to and that will praise and glorify our Savior.



I know I'm going on and on about this but it's for you spiritual success that we teach you these things and warn you of what can happen if you leave God's divine factory and go to Satan's cosmic factory. Here's a similar command from God in **1 Pet 5:6-9**. Peter wrote this letter to us but you know its God's command.

**1 Pet 5:6-7** "Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God (again that means life in the plan of God) that He may exalt you at the proper time (when you reach spiritual maturity) slamming all your worries on Him (God) because He cares for you."



We slam all your worries on Him because we do not have the ability to carry our worries, our problems, or the pressures of life. Only God has that ability, and he has provided for us to be able to handle that inside of His plan. He cares for you. We are made to be happy in God not in the world. And he tells us in **1 Pet 5:8-9** "Be of sober spirit (cool, calm and collected), be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls about like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. But resist him (the devil and his cosmic systems), (be) firm in your faith, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brethren (fellow believers) who are in the world." Resist him and be firm in your doctrine are all the same thing...life inside God's wonderful supernatural plan.

You know Satan and the cosmic system has been trying to recruit workers for his cosmic factory since Adam's fall in the Garden of Eden. Satan won that round in the fight between angels and mankind but God was right there and provided a way of escape for us. He is so FAITHFUL to us! Jesus came and saved us. And it is very interesting that Satan tried the same things on the Lord Jesus Christ when He came to earth to save us in His first advent. Let's look at this passage in our Bible together and see how our GREAT GOD and SAVIOR handled this creature of darkness.



Keep your Bibles open to [Luke 4:1-13](#). Here we see Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returning from the Jordan. He was led around by the Spirit in the wilderness for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And He ate nothing during those days, and when the time had ended, He became hungry. And the devil (slyly) said to Him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread." Can't you hear the echo of him telling the woman in the garden: "You surely won't die"... "look at the fruit...it's good for food." But our champion, Jesus didn't fall for his trickery and answered him with Scripture and said, "It is written, 'MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE.'"

And the devil led Him up and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. And the devil said to Him, "I will give you all of this domain and its glory; for it has been handed over to me (when Adam sinned in the Garden), and I give it to whomever I wish. Therefore if you worship before me, it shall all be yours." You can hear the words of Satan echoing in the Garden when he told the woman, "your eyes will be opened." "This is a delight to the eyes." But Jesus answered him and said, "It is written, 'YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD AND SERVE HIM ONLY.'"



Then the devil led Jesus to Jerusalem and had Him stand on the very top of the temple. You're going to be amazed at this because Satan is actually quoting God's Word from [Psalm 91:11](#) in the Old Testament in this verse. Satan said to Him, "If You are the Son of God (and YOU ARE), throw yourself down from here; for it is written, 'HE WILL COMMAND HIS ANGELS CONCERNING YOU TO GUARD YOU,' and, 'ON their HANDS THEY WILL BEAR YOU UP, SO THAT YOU WILL NOT STRIKE YOUR FOOT AGAINST A STONE.'" You can just hear Satan in the garden saying "you shall become like God, knowing good and evil." And "desirable to make one wise." So Jesus answered and said to him, "It is said, 'YOU SHALL NOT PUT THE LORD YOUR GOD TO THE TEST.'"

In [Luke 4:13](#) we read, "When the devil had finished every temptation, he left Him (Jesus) until an opportune time." In other words, Satan left Jesus because he couldn't tempt Him but he would be around until he had another chance to stop Him from going to the cross and so stopping our so great salvation. What a doomed creature he is...so desperate! But he failed with Jesus, didn't he? It worked on the first Adam, but it failed with the Last Adam (Our Lord Jesus Christ)!

So you see, bright students of God's Word, you have the Holy Spirit indwelling you just like Jesus had while the devil tempted Him in the wilderness. Jesus said "NO" and quoted Scripture. So Jesus gave us everything He had while on earth to fight the good fight and say "NO" to the devils temptations to enter his cosmic systems. Stand firm and be a good soldier for your SAVIOR...there is no better plan than the PLAN OF GOD!!!

Close in prayer

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