

# James 4:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.

## Analysis

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**Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.** Humble yourselves (tapeinōthēte, ταπεινώθητε) before the Lord, and He will exalt (hypsōsei, ὑψώσει) you. God's kingdom reverses the world's playbook: those who stoop are lifted.

Reformed believers trust God's timing for vindication. Jesus' own path of humiliation then exaltation guarantees the same pattern for His people.

## Historical Context

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Oppressed believers longed for relief. James assures them that humility, not retaliation, leads to God's exaltation, echoing themes later repeated by Peter (1 Peter 5:6).

## Related Passages

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**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

## Study Questions

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1. What situation currently demands humble submission?

2. How can you trust God's promise to exalt you in His way?
3. Who can you serve quietly as an act of humility?

## Interlinear Text

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ταπεινώθητε	ἐνώπιον	τοῦ	κυρίου	καὶ	ὑψώσει	ὑμᾶς
Humble yourselves	in the sight	G3588	of the Lord	and	he shall lift	you
G5013	G1799		G2962	G2532	G5312	G5209

## Additional Cross-References

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**Psalms 147:6** (References Lord): The LORD lifteth up the meek: he casteth the wicked down to the ground.

**Matthew 23:12** (Parallel theme): And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted.

**1 Peter 5:6** (Parallel theme): Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:

**Luke 14:11** (Parallel theme): For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

**Job 22:29** (Parallel theme): When men are cast down, then thou shalt say, There is lifting up; and he shall save the humble person.

**Psalms 113:7** (Parallel theme): He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth the needy out of the dunghill;

**Luke 1:52** (Parallel theme): He hath put down the mighty from their seats, and exalted them of low degree.

**1 Samuel 2:9** (Parallel theme): He will keep the feet of his saints, and the wicked shall be silent in darkness; for by strength shall no man prevail.

**Psalms 27:6** (References Lord): And now shall mine head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me: therefore will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy; I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the LORD.

**Luke 18:14** (Parallel theme): I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

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