

# James 4:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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**Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.** Submit yourselves (hypotagēte, ὑποτάγητε) to God. Resist (antistēte, ἀντίστητε) the devil, and he will flee. Spiritual warfare begins with surrender to God's authority and continues with active resistance.

Reformed teaching insists that victory over Satan flows from alignment with Christ's lordship and reliance on His strength.

## Historical Context

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Diaspora Christians faced demonic temptations via idolatry and persecution. James's commands parallel 1 Peter 5:8-9 and Paul's armor passage (Ephesians 6), showing shared apostolic strategy.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

## Study Questions

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1. Where do you need to submit afresh to God's authority?

2. What specific temptations require active resistance today?
3. Who can stand with you in resisting the devil?

## Interlinear Text

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ὑποτάγητε	οὖν	τῷ	θεῷ	ἀντίστητε	τῷ	διαβόλῳ
Submit yourselves	therefore	G3588	to God	Resist	G3588	the devil
G5293	G3767		G2316	G436		G1228
καὶ	φεύξεται	ἀφ'	ὑμῶν			
and	he will flee	from	you			
G2532	G5343	G575	G5216			

## Additional Cross-References

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**Ephesians 4:27** (Evil): Neither give place to the devil.

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

**Hebrews 12:9** (Parallel theme): Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live?

**Romans 10:3** (References God): For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.

**Job 1:21** (Parallel theme): And said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD.

**2 Chronicles 30:8** (References God): Now be ye not stiffnecked, as your fathers were, but yield yourselves unto the LORD, and enter into his sanctuary, which he hath sanctified for ever: and serve the LORD your God, that the fierceness of his wrath may turn away from you.

**Psalms 66:3** (References God): Say unto God, How terrible art thou in thy works! through the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies submit themselves unto thee.

**Ephesians 5:21** (References God): Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

**Matthew 11:29** (Parallel theme): Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

**1 Peter 2:13** (Parallel theme): Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme;