

Biblical Truth Ministries Sunday 22 March 2026 James 40 “Cleanliness Is Next To Godliness”
James 4:8-10; 1st Peter 5:5-11

Godliness in the New Testament is the duty and responsibility of God’s Royal priesthood in His experiential plan known as operation grace. The issue of arrogance is resolved by our attention to a life of obedience to God; following the ultimate example of TLJC’s submission when He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even to going to a Cross He didn’t deserve to die on for our sins. Rebellious believers have one foot in the world and the other in biblical truth and you can’t have it both ways; a little leaven spoils the whole loaf; a little touch of human viewpoint even if it’s mixed with some divine viewpoint, destroys the entire thing; it’s all or nothing. Remember that the soul is polluted by rebellion and it’s the heart which is attacked by doctrines of demons, so there must be a cleansing of the pollution in the heart before rebellion recovery can be achieved. Once a soul structure is constructed, a believer in Jesus Christ never stands still; either he continues in the pursuit of biblical truth and enters the spiritually mature life or he neglects, disregards and rejects the Word and enters into rebellion. In rebellion, you will have periods of fleeting joy because you’ll be doing what you want to do, what you associate with lasting happiness but if you continue to follow the course of rebellion then your foolish laughter will be turned into heart-breaking grief. Humbling ourselves before the Lord is voluntary submission to His authority. We have to learn to think like the Lord Jesus thought because it requires consistency to renew our minds which removes the garbage that’s in our subconscious and it’s a major renovation project. Our overall viewpoint of life must have the mind of Christ included in it to enrich our souls and to enhance our experience in life. The devil is opposed by the use of biblical truth as he was when he tried to test our Lord and so, our ammunition in resisting the devil is strictly the Word of God which emphasizes again the importance of daily Bible study, without which we have no weapons for the battle. As we’ve seen so many times, if God doesn’t promote us, we’re not promoted and the Lord only promotes those in, or working toward spiritual maturity where He can pour out His maximum blessings when we have capacity for His prosperity through His authority. Arrogance is the corruptor of the soul; the sign that the sinful nature is dominating the soul and therefore, arrogance destroys all capacity for life, love and lasting happiness.