

*Valley Bible Church – Sermon Notes*

**Sermon notes for June 3-4, 2000**

**"Grace Travels Downhill"**

**Dale Whitehead**

**James 4:7-10**

The Introduction of the call to humility (4:7)

The mood and tense of this verb (HUPOTAGETE) translated "submit" conveys a sense of urgency, demanding immediate compliance. And could be literally translated "to place under."

The word "devil" (DIABOLO) means "slanderer." The other primary name for this spiritual being in the New Testament is "Satan" which means "adversary or opponent."

We may choose to turn our back on the world but the god of this world will not voluntarily turn his back on us.

Because the Devil is our enemy we need to prepare ourselves to resist him. The word "resist" (ANTIESTE) means to "stand against."

We resist the Devil when we prayerfully in the power of the Spirit hold forth the Word of God as our shield and as our sword (Matthew 4:1-11).

The outworking of the call to humility (4:8-9)

The summoning of the call to humility (4:10)