

## *Valley Bible Church – Sermon Notes*

**Sermon notes for June 24-25, 2000**

**"Grace Travels Downhill"**

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**James 4:7-10**

The outworking of the call to humility.

The outworking of the call to humility first of all involves a turning to God (James 4:8).

When a true believer begins to flirt with the world pursuing what he thinks will bring him pleasure, he will like the prodigal son only end up hungry.

The redeemed heart longs for communion with God.

If we will submit ourselves to God, if we will draw near to Him, He will draw near to us.

The outworking of the call to humility involves turning from sin (James 4:8-9).

If we are going to draw near to God we need to deal decisively with sin (James 4:9).

"Double-minded" literally means "two-souled" and describes them as having a double allegiance to God and the world.

While gloom is not a Christian characteristic, being miserable about our sin is.

"Be miserable" (TALAIPORESATE) could be understood "be devastated."

Christians who are sinning and who come under conviction are devastated because they understand that their sin is preventing them from enjoying fellowship with God and the blessings of that fellowship (2 Corinthians 2:8-11).

The summation of the call to humility.

Everyone who has ever lived, or ever will live, including every angel and spirit, will be subject to the truth contained in James 4:10.