

James 4:7a

7 Steps from the World: Submission

The desire of the humble ...

I. Submission to God

- A. Supreme Authority
- B. Heavenly Father
- C. Satisfaction Guaranteed

II. His Revealed Will

- A. Grace
- B. Duty
- C. Discipline
- D. Freedom
- E. Joy

III. His Secret Will

- A. Grace
- B. Duty
- C. Discipline
- D. Freedom
- E. Joy

... and the freest freedom.

Children, Listen ...

1. Why should we do what God tells us to do?
2. How does knowing God as Father help us to want to obey Him?
3. Where do we learn how to love and obey God?
4. We can never obey God fully but we can be forgiven in Jesus: How can that be?
5. Even though we may not know why we go through various trials in life can we still trust that God's plan is the best plan for us?

The Joy of Submission

Submission is not a very popular concept. To subject ourselves to someone else's authority generally goes against our grain. That may be understandable in the broken realms of this fallen world where the prospect of being under the authority of a wholly sanctified superior simply does not exist. But when we consider submission to our Holy God that is an entirely different thing. In fact the believer can find great joy in humble obedience to their God and Father. God knows categorically what is best for us as sovereign God and we can be assured that He always has our best interest in mind as He is our Heavenly Father. If we are children of God through Christ we can delight in His commandments and rest in His providence. He has shown us what is good and what He wills for us in secret is perfect.