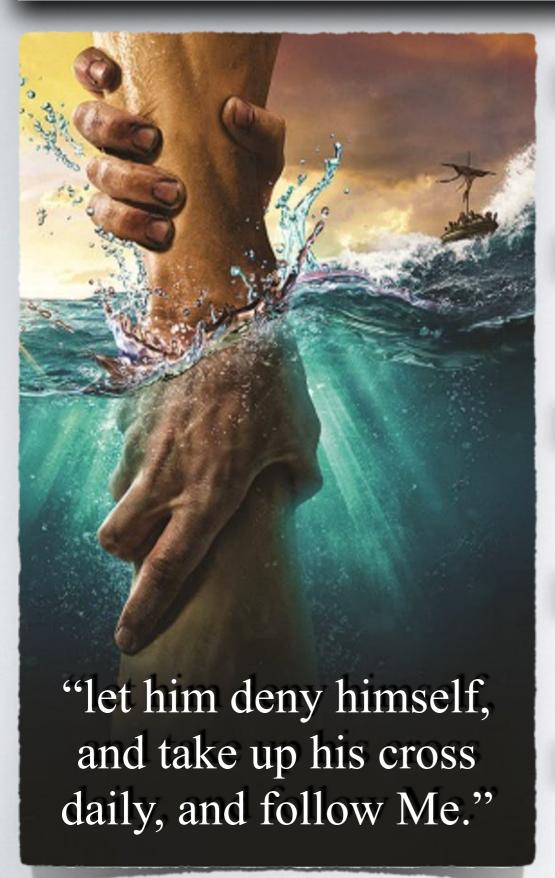
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Matthew 4:1-11; 26:36-46; Ephesians 6:13-18

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What Becoming A Christian Is All about



- It's NOT ALL about ME
 IT's ALL ABOUT JESUS!
- TRUSTING JESUS
 ENOUGH TO Obey Him!
- LEARNING ALL WE CAN about JESUS!
- FOLLOWING JESUS By Doing What He Says!
- BECOMING MORE LIKE JESUS!

What We Have IN CHRIST

- **EVERY SPIRITUAL BLESSING**
- DADOPTION / ACCEPTANCE
- SALVATION / FORGIVENESS
- REDEMPTION / FREEDOM from sin
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Increasing In The Knowledge of God

- Develop Hunger for the truth
- Desire to obey the truth
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- 8. Living For Heaven Keeping Our Focus

Matthew 4:1-11 (NKJV)

¹ Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ² And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry. 3 Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread." 4 But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.""

Matthew 4:1-11 (NKJV)

⁵ Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶ and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written: 'He shall give His angels charge over you,' and, 'In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.'" 7 Jesus said to him, "It is written again, 'You shall not tempt the Lord your God."

Matthew 4:1-11 (NKJV)

⁸ Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. 9 And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me." 10 Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.'" 11 Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him.

Matthew 26:36-46 (NKJV)

³⁶ Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and said to the disciples, "Sit here while I go and pray over there." ³⁷ And He took with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and He began to be sorrowful and deeply distressed. 38 Then He said to them, "My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Stay here and watch with Me." 39 He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, "O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will."

Matthew 26:36-46 (NKJV)

⁴⁰ Then He came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, "What! Could you not watch with Me one hour? 41 Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." 42 Again, a second time, He went away and prayed, saying, "O My Father, if this cup cannot pass away from Me unless I drink it, Your will be done." 43 And He came and found them asleep again, for their eyes were heavy. 44 So He left them, went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words.

Matthew 26:36-46 (NKJV)

45 Then He came to His disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? Behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners. 46 Rise, let us be going. See, My betrayer is at hand."

Necessary Prerequisites

- Possess a working knowledge of God's word Ps. 1:2,3; 37:31; 119:11;
- ▶ Humble deference to God's will — Prov. 1:7; Ecc. 12:13; Mat. 26:36-46; Ps. 40:8; Phili. 2:8
- ▶ Trust in God's promises and provisions 1 Cor. 10:13; 15:58; Rev. 2:10; 2 Cor. 10:3-5; Eph. 6:10-18



Adhere To The Truth - "The truth will make you free" — Jn 8:32

Displacement - put off the old man — Eph. 4:22-31; Col 3:8-9; Heb 12:1,2;

Replacement – Renew your mind - get thinking right & Put on Christ & the new man with his deeds — Rom 12:1,2; 13:13; Col. 3:12-17

Fortification - Grow Strong In Christ By Using What He Gives — Ephesians 6:10-18; 2 Pet 1:5-11



Receive God's provision of redemption in Christ - Eph 1:3-22

Appreciate & value God's provision of reconciliation by His grace in Christ — Eph 2:1-22

Read & learn God's provision of revelation in the scriptures — Eph 3:1-6

Take advantage of God's provision of one another in unity & growth — Eph 4:1-16



Imitate God as dear children – Ephesians 5:1

Walk in love – Eph 5:2; Col 3:13-14

Walk as children of light – Eph. 5:8; 1 Jn 1:5-7

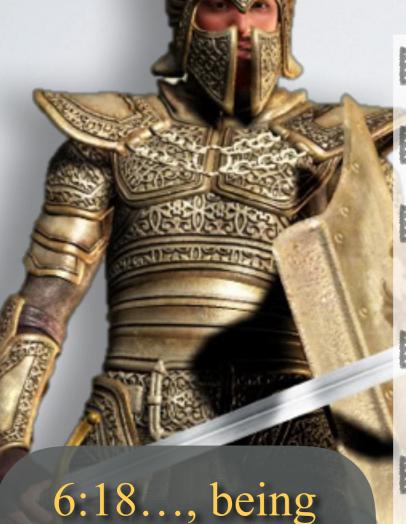
Walk circumspectly – Eph. 5:15; Rom. 13:13,14

Accept God's appointed stations in life - 5:22-6:9; Col. 3:18-4:1

Put on whole armor of God – Eph 6:10-18; 2 Pet 1:5-10

Necessary ACTIONS

- "Having girded your waist with truth" (14)
- "The breastplate of righteousness" (14)
 - "The preparation of the gospel of peace" (15)
- "The shield of faith / able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one" (15)
- "And take the helmet of salvation," (17)
- "Take . . . the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God (17)
- "Praying always with all prayer (18-20)



6:18..., being watchful to this end with all perseverance...



Isaiah 40:31 (NKJV)

31 But those who wait on the Lord Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint.





1 Corinthians 10:13 (NKJV)

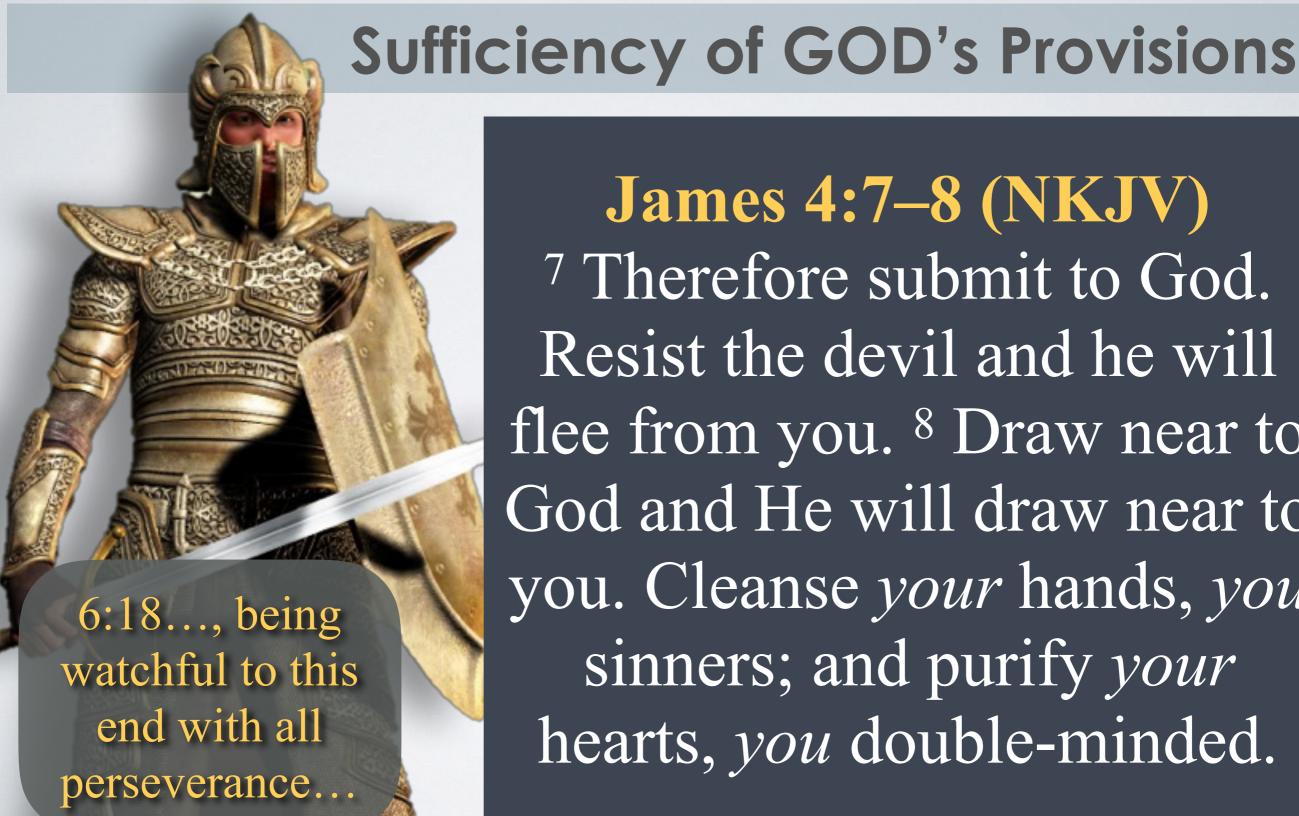
¹³ No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.





1 Peter 5:8–9 (NKJV)

⁸ Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. 9 Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.



James 4:7-8 (NKJV)

⁷ Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. 8 Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.





2 Corinthians 10:4 (NKJV)

⁴ For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds,





Philippians 4:13 (NKJV)

13 I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.



Revelation 2:10 (NKJV)

¹⁰ Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.



- Do you have a working knowledge of God's word —
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- Do you trust in God's promises and provisions —

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- Have YOU taken advantage of God's provisions?
- Have you taken the actions necessary to enable you to stand against Satan?
- Do you TRUST GOD?

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EPHESIANS 6:13 (NKJV)

¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

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Romans 13:11-14 (NKJV)

¹¹ And *do* this, knowing the time, that now *it is* high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. 12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. 13 Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. 14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.