

## Sermon Notes – September 25, 2022

### How To Be the Friend of God (*James 4:5-10*)

- I. Our Jealous God expects LOYALTY. (*Vs. 5*)
  - A. The godly side: He will not tolerate a rival lover.
  - B. The human side: Our spirit is prone to envy.
  
- II. Our Loving God hates PRIDE. (*Vs. 6b*)
  - A. Pride is the root of all evil.
    - 1. The fall of humanity described: Genesis 3.
    - 2. The hatred of God delineated: Proverbs 6:16-19.
    - 3. The source of sin affirmed: I John 2:15-16.
  - B. Pride leads to destruction. (*Proverbs 16:18*)
  
- III. Our Gracious God gives GRACE. (*Vs. 6a*)
  - A. His grace is greater than our sin. (*Romans 5:20-21*)
  - B. His grace is given to the humble.
  
- IV. Our Sovereign God calls for ACTION. (*Vss. 7-11*)
  - A. Draw near to God.
    - 1. By submitting to His will voluntarily.
    - 2. By resisting satanic opposition through a firm faith.
      - a. I Peter 5:8,9
      - b. I Timothy 1:5
    - 3. By becoming poor in spirit through repentance of sin.
      - a. Matthew 5:3,4
  - B. Humble yourself.
    - 1. Through the awareness of His presence. (*Psalms 139:7-12*)
    - 2. By being a living sacrifice. (*Romans 12:1,2*)
    - 3. By casting your care upon Him. (*I Peter 5:5-7*)