

**James 4:1 (NLT)**

What is causing the quarrels and fights among you? Don't they come from the evil desires at war within you?

## **James 4:4 (NLT)**

**You adulterers! Don't you realize that friendship with the world makes you an enemy of God? I say it again: If you want to be a friend of the world, you make yourself an enemy of God.**

## **James 4:7-8 (NLT)**

So humble yourselves before God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

[8] Come close to God, and God will come close to you. Wash your hands, you sinners; purify your hearts, for your loyalty is divided between God and the world.

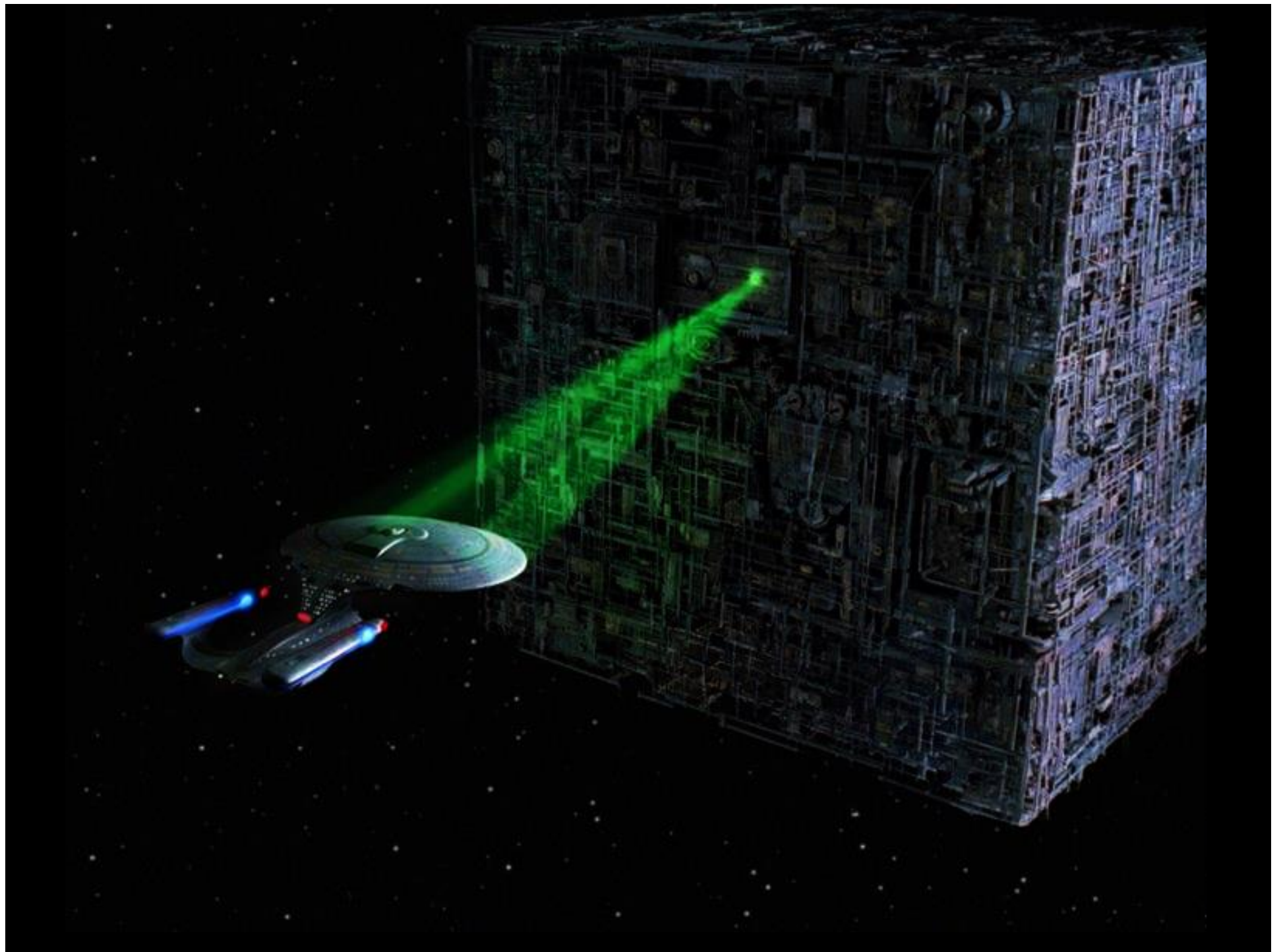
## **James 4:9-10 (NLT)**

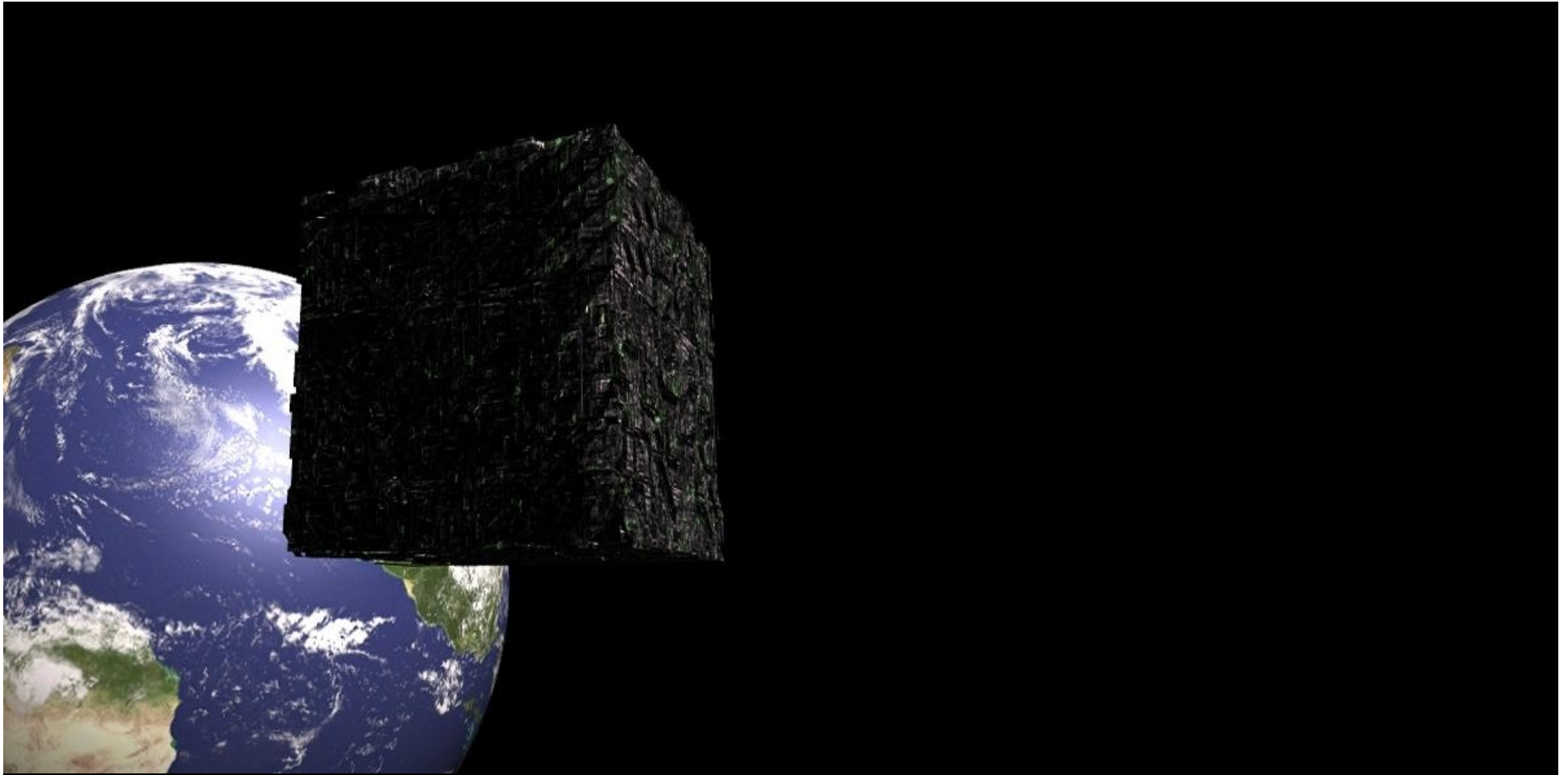
Let there be tears for what you have done.

Let there be sorrow and deep grief. Let there be sadness instead of laughter, and gloom instead of joy. [10] Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up in honor.

**Resistance is NOT  
FUTILE**

**James 4:7-10**





**Resistance is Futile –**  
**you WILL be Assimilated**

James 4:4 (NIV)

You adulterous people, don't you know  
that **friendship with the WORLD**  
is **hatred toward God?**

Anyone who chooses to be  
a **friend of the WORLD** becomes  
an **enemy of God.**



James issues a series of ten  
imperatives in vs. 7-10.

The Greek tense is **a forceful command**  
calling for **an IMMEDIATE response.**

**We RESIST** the devil  
when we **refuse to SURRENDER**  
to the **compulsion of sin.**

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**HUMILITY** is a profound understanding  
of how **MUCH** we have been **Forgiven**.

It is a growing sense of the  
**ongoing need** we have for

**God's Grace EVERYDAY** in our lives.

Psalms 51:10-12 (NIV)

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew  
a steadfast spirit within me. [11] Do not cast  
me from your presence or take your  
Holy Spirit from me.

[12] **Restore to me the JOY**  
**of your salvation**

and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

God will not leave a **humble heart**  
**mourning.**

He will **accept the repentance** and  
**RESPOND** with His love,  
raising the person up  
**FROM** their mourning  
into the **warmth** of **His love.**

→ **Resistance is NOT FUTILE**

[7] **Submit** yourselves, then, to God.

**Resist** the devil,

and **he WILL flee** from you.

→ Resistance is **POSSIBLE**  
because of the **POWER** of God

[7] ...**RESIST** the devil,  
and **he will flee** from you.

[8] Come **NEAR** to God  
and **He will** come **near** to you.

Only one view is more welcome than  
**the backside of the Devil –**  
and that is **the FACE of God.**

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Revelation 12:10 (NIV)

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ.

**For the ACCUSER** of our brothers,  
**who accuses them before our God**  
day and night, **has been hurled down.**

Revelation 12:11 (NIV)

They **OVERCAME** him  
by the **BLOOD** of the **Lamb** and  
by the **WORD** of their **testimony**;  
they did **NOT** love their **LIVES** so much  
as to **SHRINK** from **DEATH**.

Revelation 20:10 (NIV)

And the **devil**, who deceived them,  
was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur,  
where the beast and the false prophet  
had been thrown. They will be tormented  
day and night for ever and ever.

→ **God PROMISES that He  
WILL Come near to us**

[8] **Come near to God  
and HE WILL  
come near to you.**

James 4:6 (NIV)

But **HE** gives us **MORE GRACE**.

That is why Scripture says:

God **OPPOSES** the proud

but gives **GRACE** to the humble.

Revelation 2:2-3 (NIV)

**I KNOW** your **DEEDS**, your **hard work**  
and your **perseverance**.

I know that you **cannot tolerate wicked men**,  
that you have tested those who claim to be  
apostles but are not, and have found them false.

[3] You have **persevered** and have  
**endured hardships** for **MY NAME**,  
and **have NOT** grown weary.

[4] Yet I hold this against you:

You have **FORSAKEN**

your

**FIRST LOVE.**

**LOVE** the Lord our God  
with ALL our **heart**,  
ALL our **soul**, ALL our **mind**  
and ALL our **strength**.



Romans 12:1-2 (NIV)

Therefore, I urge you, brothers,

in view of **God's mercy,**

to **OFFER** your **bodies** as

**LIVING SACRIFICES,**

holy and pleasing to God - this is your  
spiritual act of worship.

[2] Do **NOT CONFORM** any longer  
to the **pattern** of this **WORLD**,  
but be **TRANSFORMED**  
by the **RENEWING** of your **mind**.  
Then you will be able to test and approve  
what God's will is - his good, pleasing  
and perfect will.

## We **RESIST** by...

- **SUBMITTING** to God - seek to **LIVE** by His Word
- Coming **CLOSE** to God - every time we turn away Repent turn **BACK**
- **HUMBLING** ourselves before God - Cast every doubt fear anxiety **ON HIM**
- **RESISTING** the devil - He will **FLEE**