We gather as the people of God to humble ourselves before Him.

1. The Problem (vv 1 - 5)
   1. Described (v 1a)
   2. Discerned (vv 1b - 3)
   3. Identified (vv 4-5)

2. The Principles for Peaceful Living (vv 6 - 12)
   1. Indicative Truth (v 6): God opposes, and God gives
      Illustration:
   2. Directives for Believers before God (vv 7 - 10)
      a. Submit yourselves to God
      b. Resist the devil
      c. Draw near to God
      d. Clean and purify
      e. Repent with deep contrition
   3. Directive for Believers toward Others (vv 11-12)