

**James 2**

**1** *My brethren*, do not hold your faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ with an attitude of personal favoritism.

**2** *For if a man* comes into your assembly with a gold ring and dressed in fine clothes, and there also comes in a poor man in dirty clothes,

**3** *and you pay* special attention to the one who is wearing the fine clothes, and say, "You sit here in a good place," and you say to the poor man, "You stand over there, or sit down by my footstool,"

**4** *have you not* made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil motives?

**5** *Listen*, my beloved brethren: did not God choose the poor of this world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to those who love Him?

**6** *But you have* dishonored the poor man. Is it not the rich who oppress you and personally drag you into court?

**7** *Do they not* blaspheme the fair name by which you have been called?

**8** *If, however*, you are fulfilling the royal law according to the Scripture, "YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF," you are doing well.

**9** *But if you show* partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors.

**10** *For whoever keeps* the whole law and yet stumbles in one point, he has become guilty of all.

**11** *For He who said*, "DO NOT COMMIT ADULTERY," also said, "DO NOT COMMIT MURDER." Now if you do not commit adultery, but do commit murder, you have become a transgressor of the law.

**12** *So speak* and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty.

**13** *For judgment will be* merciless to one who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.

**14** *What use is it*, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but he has no works? Can that faith save him?

**15** *If a brother or sister* is without clothing and in need of daily food,

**16** *and one of you* says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and be filled," and yet you do not give them what is necessary for their body, what use is that?

**17** *Even so faith*, if it has no works, is dead, being by itself.

**18** *But someone may* well say, "You have faith and I have works; show me your faith without the works, and I will show you my faith by my works."

**19** *You believe* that God is one. You do well; the demons also believe, and shudder.

**20** *But are you willing* to recognize, you foolish fellow, that faith without works is useless?

**21** *Was not Abraham* our father justified by works when he offered up Isaac his son on the altar?

**22** *You see that faith was* working with his works, and as a result of the works, faith was perfected;

**23** *and the Scripture was* fulfilled which says, "AND ABRAHAM BELIEVED GOD, AND IT WAS RECKONED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS," and he was called the friend of God.

**24** *You see that* a man is justified by works and not by faith alone.

**25** *In the same way*, was not Rahab the harlot also justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out by another way?

**26** *For just as the body* without the spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead.  
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