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James 2: 1-13 – Don't Judge, Don't Play Favorites

James 2: 14-26 Faith Without Works is Dead

All verses are from NLT

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*James 2:1 "My dear brothers and sisters, how can you claim to have **faith** in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ if you **favor** some people over others."*

*James 2:2-4: For example, suppose someone comes into your meeting dressed in fancy clothes and expensive jewelry and another comes in who is poor and dressed in dirty clothes. If you give **special attention** and a good seat to the rich person, but you say to the poor one, "You can stand over there, or else sit on the floor" – well, doesn't this discrimination show that your judgement is guided by **evil** motives?*

*James 2:5-7: "Listen to me, dear brother and sisters. Hasn't God chosen the **poor** in this world to be **rich in faith**? Aren't they the ones who will inherit the Kingdom he promised to those who love him? But you dishonor the poor! Isn't it the rich who oppress you and drag you into court? Aren't they the ones who slander Jesus Christ, whose noble name you bear? "*

Riches can become obstacles.

*“The rich man **May** trust him but the poor man **Must** trust him. The rich man has a castle to hide in but the poor man has nowhere to hide other than the two strong arms of God.” -FB Meyer*

*James 2:8-9 “ Yes indeed, it is good when you obey the royal law as found in the scriptures: **Love your neighbor** as yourself. But if you **favor some** people over others, you are committing a **sin**. You are **guilty** of breaking the law”.*

*James 2:10-11 “For the person who keeps all the laws except **one** is as guilty as a person who has broken **all** of God’s laws. For the same God who said, You must not commit adultery, also said you must not murder. So if you murder someone but do not commit adultery, you have still broken the law”.*

*1 Samuel 16:7 The lord doesn’t see as man sees. Man looks at the **outward appearance** but God looks at the **heart**.*

*James 2:12-13: “So whatever you say or whatever you do, remember that you will be **judged** by the law that sets you free. There will be **no mercy** for those who have not **shown** mercy to others. But if you have been merciful, God will be merciful when he judges you.”*

1. Judging on the outside is wrong.

2. Playing Favorites is wrong.

3. Favoritism is selfish.

James 2:14-26-: **Faith without works is dead.**

James 2:14: *“What good is it dear brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but don’t **show** it by your **actions**? Can that kind of faith **alone** save anyone?”*

Faith alone saves, but faith that saves is not alone!

James 2:15-16 *Suppose you see a brother or sister who has no food or clothing, and you **say** “good-bye and have a good day, stay warm and eat well” but then you don’t **give** that person any food or clothing. What good does it do?*

Prayer is not a substitute for action. Prayer should accompany action!

James 2:17: *So you see, faith by **itself** isn’t enough. Unless it produces **good deeds**, it is **dead** and useless.*

James 2:18: *Now someone may argue “some people have faith, others have good deeds. But I say How can you **show** me your faith if you don’t have good deeds. I will **show** you my faith **by** my good deeds.”*

James 2:19-20: *You **say** you have faith, for you believe there is one God. Good for you! Even the demons believe this, and they tremble in terror. How foolish! Can’t you see that faith **without** good deeds is useless?*

James 2:21: *Don't you remember that our ancestor Abraham was **shown** to be right with God by his **actions** when he offered his son Isaac on the alter?*

James 2:22: *You see, his faith and his actions **worked together**. His actions made his faith **complete**.*

James 2:23: *"and so it happened just as the Scriptures say Abraham believed God and God counted him as righteous **because** of his faith. He was even called the friend of God.*

James 2:24: *So you see, we are **shown** to be right with God by what we **do**, not by faith alone."*

James 2:25: *"Rahab, the prostitute is another example. She was **shown** to be right with God by her **actions** when she hid those messengers and sent them safely away by a different road."*

James 2:26, *Just as the body is **dead** without breath, so also faith is **dead** without good **works**.*