

5 - Attitudes toward Others (James 2:1-13)

I. The Issue of Favoritism (2:1-4)

A. The encouragement (2:1)

- James speaks to his readers at believers in _____.
- He tells us to stop _____.

B. The illustration (2:2-3)

1. The tale of two men (2:2)

- James refers to two visitors to the _____.
- One visitor is _____ and the other is _____.

2. The actions toward the two men (2:3)

- James points out the _____ toward the two men.
- They treated the rich man with _____.
- They _____ against the poor man in preference to the rich.

C. The question (2:4)

- James asks a question in order to draw attention to _____.
- Have they not _____ among themselves?
- Have they not become judges with _____?

II. The Proper Perspective (2:5-9)

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A. God and the poor (2:5)

- James calls his readers to _____.
- He points out that God has chosen _____ to be rich in the faith.
- _____ chose the poor to bring the message of gospel and to be heirs of the kingdom.

B. Their actions toward the poor (2:6a)

- By showing favoritism to the rich, they have _____.

C. The oppression by the rich (2:6b-7)

1. The oppression (2:6b)

- James reminds them that the rich oppress them and _____.

2. The blasphemy (2:7)

- The rich also blaspheme the _____ who brought them salvation.

D. The royal law (2:8)

- He points out that if they fulfill the law of _____, they do well.

E. The sin of partiality (2:9)

- Showing partiality to one over another is _____.
- Those who engage in favoritism are _____.

III. The Seriousness of the Issue (2:10-13)

A. The transgression of the Law (2:10)

- Failure in one point of the law is a _____.

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B. The example (2:11)

- He uses the illustration of the commandments concerning _____.
- Even though I do not commit adultery, I have _____ when I murder.

C. The encouragement (2:12)

- We are to live as those who are going to be _____.

d. The judgment (2:13)

- No mercy will be shown to those who _____.
- Mercy expressed _____ us over the judgment.