

JAMES 2 vs 1

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The book of James is identified with 1 Peter and 1 John as the general epistles in the early church; yet Martin Luther described it as an Epistle of straw. It seems this letter was overlooked in the church due to the fact it was not written by one of the apostles. It was written for those of a synagogue in Jerusalem, focused on Jewish people. It was not addressed to Gentile assemblies, and so, was not much quoted in the earliest period, because it did not possess the wide appeal of the Epistles of Paul.

Beware of Personal Favoritism

¹ My brothers and sisters, do not hold the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with partiality.

² For if a man comes into your assembly a man with gold rings, dressed in fine apparel, and there should also come in a poor man in shabby clothes,

³ and you look upon the one wearing the fine clothes and say to him, Sit here in a good place, and say to the poor man, Stand over there, or Sit down by my footstool,

⁴ have you not shown partiality among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts?

⁵ Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters: 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?

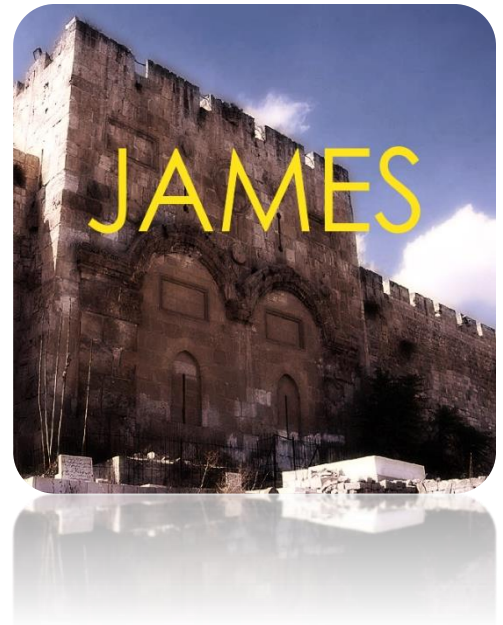
⁶ But you have dishonored the poor man. Is it not the rich oppress you and drag you into the court? ⁷ Do they not blaspheme the fair name by which you are called?

⁸ If however, you really fulfill 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 commit sin, and are convicted by the law as stepping over the line.

¹⁰ For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumbles in one point, he is guilty of all.

¹¹ For He who said, Do not commit adultery, also said, Do not murder. Now if you do not commit adultery, but you do murder, you have stepped over the line of the law.



¹² So speak and so do as those who will be judged by the law of liberty.

¹³ **For justice is merciless to the one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over justice.**

Faith Without Works Is Dead

¹⁴ What does it profit, my brothers and sisters, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him?

¹⁵ If a brother or sister is without clothing and destitute of daily food,

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

¹⁷ Thus also faith, if it does not have works, is dead being by itself.

¹⁸ But someone will say, You have faith, and I have works. Show me faith without the works, and I will show you faith by my works.

¹⁹ You believe that there is one God. You do well. **Even the demons believe—and tremble!**

²⁰ **But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is useless?**

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

²² Do you see that faith was working together with his works, and by works faith was made complete?

²³ And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, **Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him for righteousness. And he was called the friend of God.**

²⁴ You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only.

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

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

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