

Lesson 6 - James 2 - A Faith That Saves

Evil Heart of Favoritism (2:1-13)	Dangers of Wealth	Obligations to the Law
<p>Discussed in 1:9-11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - where do you put your faith - Rich will perish as he pursues his wealth <p>This chapter - how you perceive others</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - don't have an attitude of personal favoritism (1) - You have become judges with evil motives (intentions) (4) - God chose the poor to be rich in faith (5) - You dishonor the poor but you fawn over yourself trying to exalt the rich - they are the ones who take advantage of you (6-7) - Love your neighbor as yourself (8) - You are being partial - you are transgressors of the law (9) - To stumble in one part of the law makes you guilty of breaking the whole law (10) - So speak and so act as those who are judged by the law of liberty (12) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dt 6:10-12 - we forget God who gave it to us - Job 31:24-28 - to trust in wealth is to deny God - Ps 52:1-7 - God was not his refuge - his abundance of riches was - ripped from the land of the living - Pr 11:4, 28 - riches will not help in the end - they will fall - Pr 18:11, 23 - rich man has high walls of protection around him in his imagination - Pr 23:4-5 - wealth grows wings and flies away - Ecc 5:10-20 - the one who loves money will never be satisfied with it, those who want your money come with it - Jer 17:11 - to collect riches unjustly will show you to be a fool - Mt 19:24 - easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle - than rich man into heaven - Mk 4:18-19 - deceitfulness of riches, and desires for things choke the word and it becomes unfruitful - Mk 10:17-27 - rich young ruler unwilling to give up his stuff to have eternal life - Lk 12:15-21 - he stored up stuff for himself - Lk 16:13-14 - can't serve God and wealth - I Tim 6:3-19 - love of money is the problem <p><u>Jesus' Thoughts</u> - Mk 12:41-44</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the Jewish people were bound to the law - Ro 7:1-6 - died I am no longer bound to the law, I have been joined to another (Christ) so I may bear fruit to God - we will serve in the newness of the Spirit - Mt 5:17-20 - Jesus didn't abolish the Law - He came to fulfill it - we no longer try to live rightly in our power but now can live rightly because the Spirit causes us to walk in His ways - Ro 6:1-2, 12-13 - can't continue to live in sin - presenting our bodies as instruments of righteousness (Ro 12:1-2) - Ro 8:3-4 - we walk according to the Spirit - the law has been fulfilled (Ro 13:8 - loving fulfills the law) - Jude 4 - turn the grace of God into licentiousness (license to sin) <p><u>Obedience</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jn 8:31-32 - continue (be faithful) in following His word - we will know truth and the truth will set us free - Jn 12:47-48 - Jesus didn't come to condemn the world He came to save - the one who rejects Him and not keep His word will be judge by the word (Jn 3:16-21) - James 1:25 - blessed when we are doers of the word

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God's Perspective of Justice	Sermon on the Mount (Mt 5-7)	Sermon on the Mount (Mt 5-7)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lv 19:15 - judge your neighbor fairly - Dt 1:17 - hear the small and great alike - Dt 16:18-20 - don't distort justice, take a bribe - pursue righteous judgment - Ps 82:1-4 - watch out for the weak, needy, poor, the destitute - Jer 7:4-7 - practice justice - Ez 22:29-31 - oppressing the poor and needy will lead to judgment - Zech 7:8-14 - practice kindness and compassion - Acts 10:34 - God does not show partiality (Ro 2:11; Eph 6:9; Col 3:23-25) <p>I Pe 2:17 - honor all people, love the brotherhood, fear God, honor the king</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Beatitudes - Blessings (5:1-12) <p>Living out your faith (5:13-20)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Salt, light, good works should glorify the Father - Fulfilling the law (17-19) - Ro 13:8-10 - we are to love - Righteousness in faith not in keeping the laws like the Pharisee (20) <p>Thoughts of mind becoming actions (21-48)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - hatred (murder) - 21-26 - Lust (adultery) - 27-30 - Seriousness of commitment in marriage (31-32) - Keeping your word (33-37) - Turning the other cheek (38-42) - Loving your enemies (43-48) <p>Humility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - not doing things for men to see (6:1-6) - Praise that comes from the heart (6:7-13) - Forgiveness (6:14-15) - Fasting (6:16-18) 	<p>Misplaced trust</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - riches - store up treasure in heaven (6:19-21) - Religion (6:22-23) - Divided interests (6:24) - Trusting in self (6:25-34) <p>Judging (7:1-6)</p> <p>Seeking God way always (7:7-11)</p> <p>Treat others as you want to be treated (7:12)</p> <p>Narrow Gate and Wide Gate (7:13-14)</p> <p>Knowing the tree by the fruit (7:15-23)</p> <p>Building on the Rock (7:24-27)</p>

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Salvation/Justification	Relationship Between Works and Faith	OT Examples
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ro 3:24 - justified as a gift by His grace through redemption which is in Christ - Ro 3:28 - justified by faith apart from works of the Law - Ro 4:2-5 - faith comes apart from works - Gal 3:5-7 - those who are of faith that are righteous - Gal 5:6 - faith working through love <p>James 2:14 Can that faith save him? What faith - the one that has no works Faith without works is dead (2:17)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ro 6:4 - we died to our old way of life to walk in newness of life - II Cor 5:16-21 - we don't walk in the flesh - but we are new creatures - reconciled with God - ambassadors for Christ and have become the righteousness of God in Him - Gal 5:16-26 - walk by the Spirit - died to the deeds of the flesh - now we live in the fruit of the Spirit (Eph 5:3-6; Mt 7:21) - Eph 2:8-10 - saved by faith, were created in Christ Jesus for good works which God prepared beforehand - Ro 1:5 - obedience of faith (Mt 7:21; Ro 16:25-26; I Cor 6:9-11) - Titus 2:14 - zealous for good deeds - Titus 3:8 - be engaged in good deeds that are profitable for men - II Cor 13:5 - test yourself to see if you are in the faith - Christ in you? - you will know the tree by the fruit 	<p>Shema - Dt 6:4-9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the Lord our God - The Lord is One - Jealous God - Are you living like you believe that Lord is One? - The demons believe and shudder but they don't have a saving faith <p>It isn't good enough to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Have correct doctrine - Call on the Lord - Say that you believe <p>There needs to be a lifestyle of works that shows the reality of your faith</p> <p>Abraham</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gen 15:6 - Abram believe God's promise of an heir and it was reckoned to him as righteousness - Abram's belief made him righteous - The action of sacrificing Isaac was proof that his faith was real - He 11:17-19 - he believed God's promise to the point that if he killed Isaac God would raise him from the dead <p>Rahab - Joshua 2:1-21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - harlot, she lies - She is putting everything she has on the line and putting her faith and trust in Israel (God) - She was justified by her faith which was shown by her actions of helping the spies