

# James 2:8-13

## Partiality and the Royal Law

### James' previous two arguments against partiality: (2:1-7)

- It \_\_\_\_\_ God's regard for the poor. (2:5)
- It is \_\_\_\_\_ since the rich oppress you. (2:6-7)

### 1. The Royal Law \_\_\_\_\_ Partiality: (8-9)

- 'If you really fulfill the royal law... you are doing well':*
  - The Royal Law: the Law given by \_\_\_\_\_. –Jam 2:5
  - Freed from the Law of Moses we are under the Law of \_\_\_\_\_. –  
1 Cor 9:21; Gal 6:2; John 14:15; 1 John 2:3; Jam 1:25
- 'According to the Scripture 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself':*
  - This is the \_\_\_\_\_ greatest commandment. –Matt 22:37-40
  - It sits directly next to warnings against \_\_\_\_\_. –Lev 19:15-18
- 'But if you show partiality':*
  - 'You are \_\_\_\_\_ sin'. –Jam 1:15, 20
  - 'And are convicted by the law as a transgressor'. –Jam 2:1

### 2. The Royal Law is a \_\_\_\_\_ Whole: (10-11)

- The principle: to break any part of the Law breaks the whole.
- Example: *'If you do not commit adultery, but do murder, you have become a transgressor'*. –Matt 5:19; Gal 3:10
- Rationale: willful partial obedience is 100% disobedience. –Lk 6:46

### 3. We will all be \_\_\_\_\_ under the Royal Law: (12-13)

- Christ's law frees us to obey in the Spirit. –Matt 11:28-30; Gal 5:18-23
- Justified and forgiven believers still face a \_\_\_\_\_. –2 Cor 5:10
- \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ with this judgment in view. –Jam 2:1-7; 2:14-26; 3:1-12
- Judgment is without mercy to the merciless. –Matt 6:15; 7:23; 18:35
- Mercy triumphs over justice. –Hos 6:6; Matt 5:7; 9:13

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If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well. <sup>9</sup> But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. <sup>10</sup> For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it. <sup>11</sup> For he who said, "Do not commit adultery," also said, "Do not murder." If you do not commit adultery but do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. <sup>12</sup> So speak and so act as those who are to be judged under the law of liberty. <sup>13</sup> For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.