

James

CHAPTER 2

- 1** My brethren, have not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, *the Lord* of glory, with respect of persons.
- 2** For if there come unto your assembly a man with a gold ring, in goodly apparel, and there come in also a poor man in vile raiment;
- 3** And you have respect to him that wears the gay clothing, and say unto him, Sit here in a good place; and say to the poor, Stand there, or sit here under my footstool:
- 4** Are you not then partial in yourselves, and are become judges of evil thoughts?
- 5** Hearken, my beloved brethren, Has not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which He has promised to them that love Him?
- 6** But you have despised the poor. Do not rich men oppress you, and draw you before the judgment seats?
- 7** Do not they blaspheme that worthy name by the which you are called?
- 8** If you fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, You shall love your neighbour as yourself, you do well:
- 9** But if you have respect to persons, you commit sin, and are convinced of the law as transgressors.
- 10** For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one *point*, he is guilty of all.
- 11** For He that said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if you commit no adultery, yet if you kill, you are become a transgressor of the law.
- 12** So speak you, and so do, as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty.
- 13** For he shall have judgment without mercy, that hath shewed no mercy; and mercy rejoiceth against judgment.
- 14** What *doth it* profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him?
- 15** If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food,
- 16** And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be *ye* warmed and filled; notwithstanding you give them not those things which are needful to the body; what *does it* profit?
- 17** Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.
- 18** Yes, a man may say, You have faith, and I have works: show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.
- 19** You believe that there is one God; you do well: the devils also believe, and tremble.
- 20** But will you know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?
- 21** Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar?
- 22** See you how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect?
- 23** And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God.
- 24** You see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only.
- 25** Likewise also was not Rahab the harlot justified by works, when she had received the messengers, and had sent *them* out another way?
- 26** For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.