

SESSION 9  
JAMES 2.8-13

In the previous session, the Holy Spirit through James has charged us to not allow the arrogance, preconceived ideas and bias that characterize partiality to be operative in our fellowship. The humility that flows from holding the glory of Christ central in our church is the proper platform for our relationships with one another. In this session, James concludes his exhortation on avoiding partiality by examining further its sinfulness in the light of the Law.

V 8 Why do you think James terms Lev 19.18 the “royal law”? Deut 6.4-5

Luke 10.25-28

V 9 What is the blunt reality of showing partiality?

“And who is my neighbor?” Luke 10.29-37

V 10 - 11 What is James’ understanding regarding the nature of the Law?

Isa 55.8-9

One transgression on our part defiles the permeating purity of the perfect Law that reflects the glorious Essence of God is holy.

Lev 20.26

V 12 What (again) is the Law of Liberty?

Mtt 5.17

Gal 3.10-13

Jn 8. 34-36

The child of God obeys the dictates of the Moral Law with resolute, persevering thankfulness, the fruit of a transformed heart. The Law does not make demands upon the believer; it simply shows him what he really desires to do. Judgment based on failure to keep the entire Law is a certainty, but with trusting in Christ and His righteousness, this sentence of death becomes the directional beacon of life, and the fear of judgment is replaced by passionate love for God that transforms behavior.

Based on this Law of Liberty, what are we charged to do?

V 13 How is James now closing this exhortation on partiality?