



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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Lesson 4

James 2:1-13 Scripture Handout

New American Standard Bible

Assign each person in the class one or more verses to study.
Each person should answer these two questions on their assigned verse.

1. What does this verse say?
 2. What does this verse mean to me?
- Discuss your answers with the class.

(James 2:1) My brethren, do not hold your faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ with an attitude of personal favoritism.

(James 2:2) For if a man comes into your assembly with a gold ring and dressed in fine clothes, and there also comes in a poor man in dirty clothes,

(James 2:3) and you pay special attention to the one who is wearing the fine clothes, and say, "You sit here in a good place," and you say to the poor man, "You stand over there, or sit down by my footstool,"

(James 2:4) have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil motives?

(James 2:5) Listen, my beloved brethren: 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?

(James 2:6) But you have dishonored the poor man. Is it not the rich who oppress you and personally drag you into court?

(James 2:7) Do they not blaspheme the fair name by which you have been called?

(James 2:8) If, however, you are fulfilling the royal law according to the Scripture, "YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF," you are doing well.

(James 2:9) But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are

convicted by the law as transgressors.

(James 2:10) For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles in one point, he has become guilty of all.

(James 2:11) For He who said, “DO NOT COMMIT ADULTERY,” also said, “DO NOT COMMIT MURDER.” Now if you do not commit adultery, but do commit murder, you have become a transgressor of the law.

(James 2:12) So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty.

(James 2:13) For judgment will be merciless to one who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.

Write out the verse or verses you have been assigned below:

Answer These Questions for Class Discussion or Personal Study

1. What does the verse say?
2. What does the verse mean to me?