



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 Revised Standard Version

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 brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ?

(James 2:2) For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in,

(James 2:3) and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet,"

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

(James 2:5) Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him?

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

(James 2:7) Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

(James 2:8) You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

(James 2:9) But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors.

(James 2:10) For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

(James 2:11) For the one who said, “You shall not commit adultery,” also said, “You shall not murder.” Now if you do not commit adultery but if you 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 without mercy to anyone 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?