



James: Faith that Works

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“Forbidding Favoritism”

James 2:1-13

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Theme: These verses continue with James charging his listeners to live out the Gospel in practical ways. Specifically, here, he directly challenges the followers of Jesus to pay special attention to the poor as opposed to the privileged amongst them. He calls out the practice of favoritism as completely inconsistent with the command to “Love your neighbor as yourself.”

Outline:

1. What is favoritism and why is it wrong?
 - a. Consideration of how playing favorites is ingrained in our lives
 - b. The relationship between favoritism and privilege

2. Cultural royalty and the outcasts

a. Who are the poor?

b. What is God's promise to them?

3. Practically living out the commandment to "Love your neighbor as yourself"

a. Sin, judgment, and mercy

b. Salvation and Sanctification

Takeaway: TBD

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