

**JAMES LESSON 3**  
**CHAPTER 2: 1 – 13**  
**REAL FAITH KEEPS THE PERFECT LAW OF LIBERTY**

**\*KEY VERSE: JAMES 2: 12**

**A. INTRODUCTION**

**a. WE HAVE MASTERED THE RICH TRUTHS OF JAMES! THESE INCLUDE:**

- 1. THE TRUE NATURE OF GOD**
- 2. THE REAL SOURCE OF TEMPTATION AND ITS CONSEQUENCES**
- 3. THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN JUST HEARING THE WORD AND ACTUALLY DOING WHAT IT SAYS**

**b. HOPEFULLY WE HAVE ALLOWED THE SPIRIT TO TRANSFORM US THROUGH THE RENEWING OF YOUR MIND**

**\*ROMANS 12: 1, 2**

**c. HOPEFULLY WE HAVE ACKNOWLEDGED THE MESSAGE OF JAMES TO COMMIT OUR LIFE TO SEEK TO DISCIPLE OTHERS IN THE WORD OF GOD –**

**\*SO LETS MOVE INTO JAMES CHAPTER 2 AND PREPARE OUR HEART THROUGH PRAYER SO THAT WE MIGHT RECEIVE ALL OF THE RICHES OF GODS WORD IN JAMES 2: 1 – 13**

**\*LETS PAUSE FOR PRAYER**

**d. AS MOSES WAS LEADING ISRAEL THROUGH THE WILDERNESS, THE LORD WOULD OFTEN SPEAK TO HIM**

**\*EXODUS 33: 11**

**e. ON ONE SUCH OCCASION, MOSES PRAYER**

**\*EXODUS 33: 13**

**f. ITS INTERESTING THAT THIS PRAYER OCCURRED RIGHT BEFORE GOD GAVE THE LAW TO MOSES. MOSES ASK GOD TO TEACH HIM HIS WAYS. IN RESPONSE, GOD REVEALED HIS WORD TO MOSES. RIGHT NOW, PRAY THAT GOD TEACH YOU HIS WAYS SO YOU CAN BE PREPARED TO RECEIVE HIS WORD.**

**B. JAMES 2: 1 – 13 POWERFUL – ARE YOPU READY TO ENCOUNTER THESE VERSES?**

**\*QUESTION: WHAT TYPE OF CONTENT IS JAMES WRITING ABOUT?**

**\*QUESTION: WHAT TYPE OF FAVORITISM MIGHT JAMES BE ADDRESSING JAMES 2: 1?**

**\*QUESTION: WHAT MIGHT JAMES 2: 2 TELL US ABOUT THE DATE AND RECIPIENTS OF THIS IMPORTANT LETTER?**

**\*THE GREEK WORD FOR MEETING IN THE NIV AND WORD ASSEMBLY IN THE KJV IS LITERALLY SYNAGOGUE**

**\*JAMES DOES NOT USE THE WORD CHURCH IN ANY PLACE IN HIS EPISTLE HE USES THE WORD SYNAGOGUE**

**\*QUESTION: WHY DO YOU THINK JAMES HAS INCLUDED SO MUCH LEGAL TERMINOLGY OR LANGUAGE OF THE LAW COURT IN THESE VERSES 2: 4, 6, 11 – 13?**

**\*QUESTION: IN USING LEGAL TERMINOLOGY, WHAT IS JAMES TELLING US ABOUT THE FINAL JUDGEMENT 2: 12 – 13?**

**\*QUESTION: WHY DOES JAMES USE THE PHRASE; THE ROYAL LAW IN 2: 8?**

**C. DISCERN**

**\*JAMES 2: 1 – 13**

**a. A GOOD – GRASP ON THE CONTENT OF JAMES 2: 1 – 13, LETS SEE WHAT IT MEANS**

**b. WE MUST PERMIT THE HOLY SPIRIT TO GUIDE US FULLY TO UNDERSTAND THIS IMPORTANT PASSAGE OF SCRIPTURE. ASK GOD TO REVEAL THE MYSTERY OF HIS WORD**

**\*ROMANS 16: 25**

**c. THE PSALMIST FULLY REALIZED THAT THE LORD MUST GRANT UNDERSTANDING IF HE WAS EVER TO OBEY GODS WORD**

**\*PSALM 119: 73**

**\*WHAT WE MUST TRULY UNDERSTAND IS THAT WE MIGHT FULLY OBEY HIS COMMANDMENTS**

**d. THOUGHTS TO LOOK AT IN JAMES 2: 1 – 13**

- 1. WORDS AND PHRASES THAT REFLECT THE INJUSTICE OF FAVORITISM**
- 2. IMAGES OF WEALTH AND MATERIALISM**
- 3. IMAGES OF POVERTY AND SHAME**
- 4. WORDS AND PHRASES THAT SPEAK OF DIVINE JUDGEMENT**

**\*QUESTION: EXPLAIN THE SIGNIFICANCE OF “RICH” OR “POOR” JAMES 2: 1 – 13**

**\*QUESTION: THE PHRASE “DRAGGING YOU INTO COURT” BE TAKEN LITERALLY OR FIGURATIVELY  
JAMES 2: 6**

**\*QUESTION: WHEN JAMES SAYS, “SLANDERING THE NOBLE NAME OF HIM TO WHOM YOU BELONG,  
WHO MIGHT HE BE REFERRING TO? JAMES 2: 7**

**\*QUESTION: MERCY TRIUMPHS OVER JUDGEMENT “WHAT DOES THIS MEAN TO YOU? JAMES 2: 13**

#### **D. DEVOTE**

**a. HAVE YOU NOTICED THAT JAMES IS A STRAIGHT TALKER? NO DOUBT HE WAS GUIDED BY THE  
WORDS OF JESUS. LET YOUR YES BE YES AND YOUR NO, NO ANYTHING BEYOND THIS COMES FROM  
THE EVIL ONE.**

**\*MATTHEW 5: 37**

**\*JAMES 5: 12 JAMES QUOTES MATTHEW 5:37**

**b. THIS DIRECT, NO HOLDS – BARRED KIND OF SPEECH HAS A WAY OF PIERCING US TO THE HEART**

**\*THE SPIRIT OFTEN USES JAMES TO “CONVICT” OUR HEARTS**

**\*QUESTION: WHAT AREAS OF YOUR LIFE HAVE BEEN TOUCHED BY THE WORDS OF JAMES IN THIS  
SECTION?**

**\*JAMES 5: 16 – THE PRAYER OF A RIGHTEOUS MAN IS POWERFUL AND EFFECTIVE**

**\*LUKE: 10: 22**

**c. NO ONE CAN STORM THE GATES OF HEAVEN, SO TO SPEAK AND CARRY AWAY A KNOWLEDGE OF  
GOD**

**\*PROVERBS 30: 2 -4**

**d. TRUE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD AND AUTHENTIC RELATIONSHIP TO HIM IS A GIFT: IT IS A REVELATION**

**e. JAMES IS A BOOK THAT DRAWS US TO PRAYER. PRAY THAT THE SON REVEALS THE HEART OF THE  
FATHER AND, MOST IMPORTANTLY THAT WE FULLY RESPOND TO HIS VOICE IN JAMES**

**\*REPENT IN GREEK IS METANOEO, WHICH LITERALLY MEANS, “TO CHANGE THE MIND” REPENTING IS CHANGING OUR MIND TOWARD GOD. TOWARD SELF AND OTHERS**

**\*QUESTION: WHAT DOES JAMES WANT ME TO CHANGE MY MIND ABOUT?**

**f. THOUGHTS TO GUIDE YOUR DEVOTIONS**

**1. DO YOU PAY MORE RESPECT TO A WEALTHY PERSON THAN TO A POOR PERSON?**

**2. DO YOU REALLY BELIEVE THAT THE MEEK (OR POOR) WILL INHERIT THE EARTH? MATTHEW 5:5**

**3. HAVE I TREATED MY NEIGHBOR (THAT IS, PERSONS CLOSE TO ME) AS I WOULD LIKE THEM TO TREAT ME? JAMES 2: 1**

**4. DO I FULLY ACKNOWLEDGE THAT, IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER, I AM A (LAWBREAKER)? JAMES 2: 11**

**\*WE NEED THE CHALLENGES OF JAMES 2: 1 – 13 SPEAK TO OUR HEART.**

**E. DISCIPLES**

**a. THE CHALLENGE OF THE DISCIPLE STEP IS TO ACTUALIZE GODS WORD IN OUR DAILY LIFE**

**\*THE EPISTLE OF JAMES IS ALL ABOUT PUTTING OUR FAITH INTO PRACTICE**

**\*QUESTION: WHAT CAN I DO TO MAKE THE WORDS OF JAMES REAL IN MY LIFE?**

**b. AS A DISCIPLE WE MIGHT COMMIT**

**1. TO PUBLICLY AFFIRMING THE POOR (JAMES 2: 1 – 7)**

**2. GO OUT OF OUR WAY TO MAKE A LESS FORTUNATE PERSON FEEL SPECIAL IN THE MIDST OF THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH**

**3. SEEK CONCRETE WAYS TO “LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF (JAMES 2:8)**

**\*HOSPITAL VISITATION**

**\*WRITING A LETTER OF ENCOURAGEMENT TO SOMEONE IN NEED**

**\*SOMEONES NEEDS TO EXPERIENCE THE MERCY OF GOD (JAMES 2: 12, 13)**

**\*WATCH FOR ONES THAT MIGHT BE SPIRITUALLY EXHAUSTED AND NEEDS THE MERCIFUL PRESENCE OF A CARING FRIEND**

**c. DISCIPLES ARE NOT TO END WITH YOU. GO OUT AND MAKE DISCIPLES**

**\*QUESTION: IN WHAT WAYS CAN I EXPAND THE IMPACT THAT JAMES HAS HAD ON MY LIFE?**

**\*QUESTION: CAN YOU BE AN INSTRUMENT OF CHANGE FOR GOD IN YOUR CIRCLE OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS?**

**\*THIS IS DISCIPLESHIP IN ACTION!**

**NEXT WEEK  
LESSON 4 OF JAMES  
CHAPTER 2: 14 – 26  
REAL FAITH IS NEVER INVISIBLE**