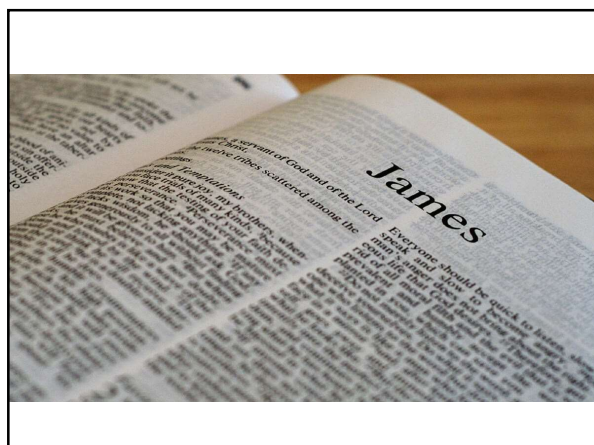



Learning Objectives

1. To provide **handles** to study the Word for **life transformation**
2. To **enjoy learning** and **grow together** in **knowing and pleasing God**
3. To **foster new friendships**




SCHEDULE

No	Date	Topic	Text
1	10-Jul-19	Overview / Trials and Temptations	James 1:1-18
2	24-Jul-19	Doers not Hearers	James 1:19-27
3	14-Aug-19	Do not show favoritism	James 2:1-13
4	28-Aug-19	Faith and Works	James 2:14-26
5	25-Sep-19	Tame our Tongues with Wisdom	James 3:1-18
6	9-Oct-19	Submission to God	James 4:1-12
7	23-Oct-19	Warning for the Proud and Rich	James 4:13-5:6
8	13-Nov-19	Patience in Suffering	James 5:7-12
9	27-Nov-19	Summary / Prayer of Faith	James 5:13-20

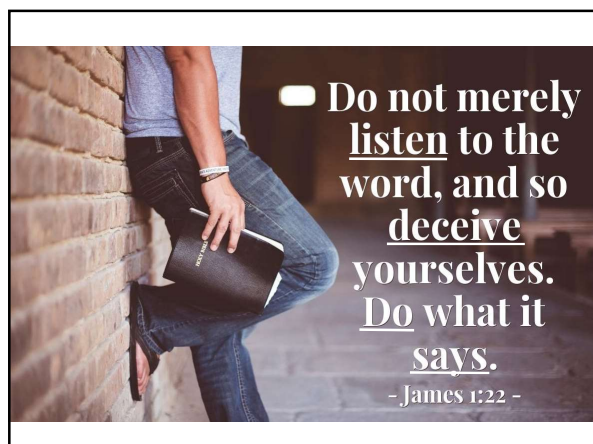
3 Key Questions

What does God require of me?
 What I have learned (about God) today?
 What questions do I have in mind?




JAMES

Theme: Faith revealed through works
 Key verse: James 1:22



JAMES 1

1 James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve tribes in the Dispersion: Greetings.

2 Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds,
3 for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness.
4 And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

5 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.

6 But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind.

7 For that man must be unstable in all his ways.

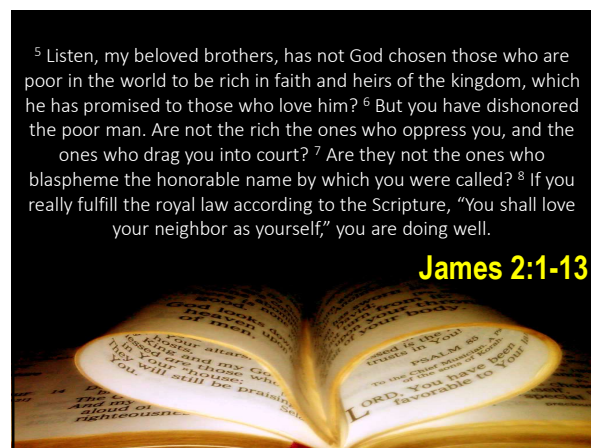
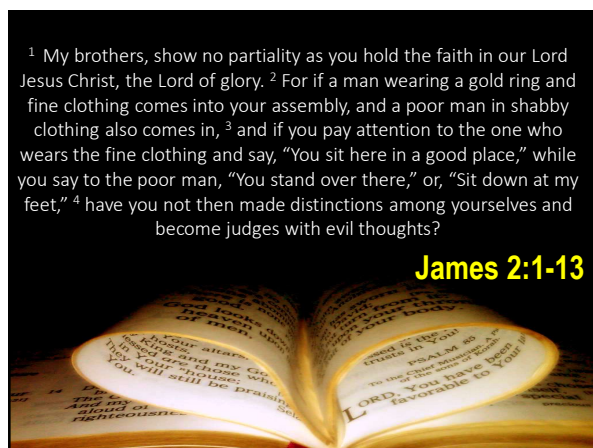
8 he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

9 Let the lowly brother boast in his exaltation, for he will be exalted.

10 and the rich in his affliction, for he will pass away.

11 For the sun rises with its scorching heat and withers the grass; its flower falls, and its beauty perishes. So also will the rich man fade away.

Author: James
Audience: 12 tribes scattered among the nations
Date: AD 44 – 47



⁹ But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰ For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it. ¹¹ For he who said, "Do not commit adultery," also said, "Do not murder." If you do not commit adultery but do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. ¹² So speak and so act as those who are to be judged under the law of liberty. ¹³ For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

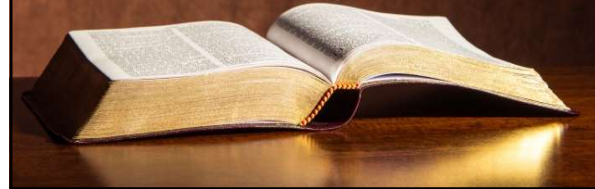
James 2:1-13



¹ **My brothers**, show no **partiality**

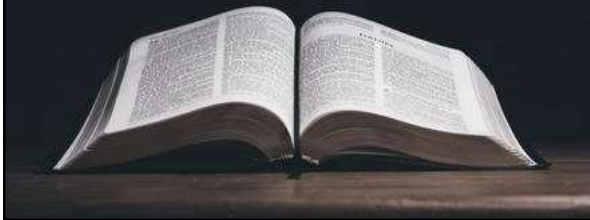
as you hold the **faith** in our **Lord** Jesus Christ,
the **Lord** of glory.

James 2:1



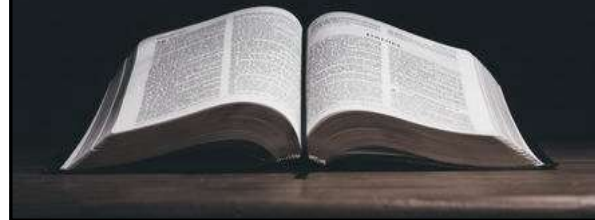
For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords,
the great, the mighty, and the awesome **God, who is not**
partial and takes no bribe.

Deuteronomy 10:17



So Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand
that **God shows no partiality**."

Acts 10:34



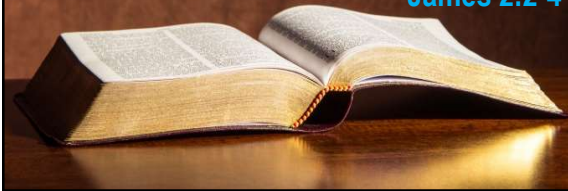
² **For** if a man wearing a **gold ring** and **fine clothing** comes
into your assembly, and a **poor man** in **shabby clothing** also
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the fine clothing and say, "You sit here in a good place,"
while you say to the poor man, "You stand over there," or,
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James 2:2-4



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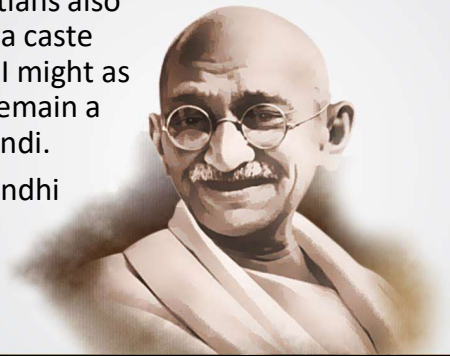
FAVOURITISM

Divides

Destroys



If Christians also
have a caste
system, I might as
well remain a
Hindi.
Gandhi



⁵ **Listen, my beloved brothers,** has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who **love** him? ⁶ But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? ⁷ Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called?

James 2:5-7



FOR THE LORD DOES
NOT SEE AS MAN SEES;
FOR MAN LOOKS AT THE
OUTWARD APPEARANCE, BUT
THE LORD LOOKS AT THE HEART.

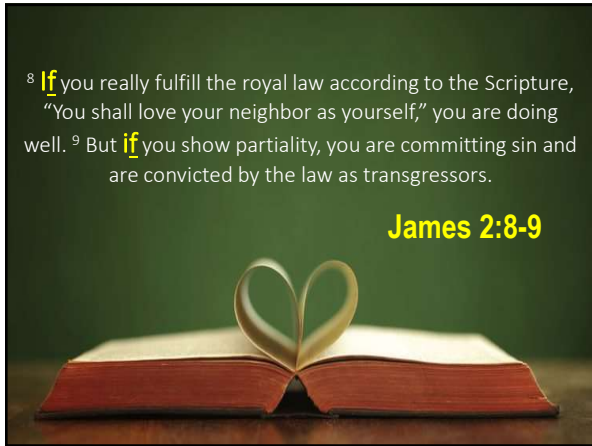


RICH **POOR**

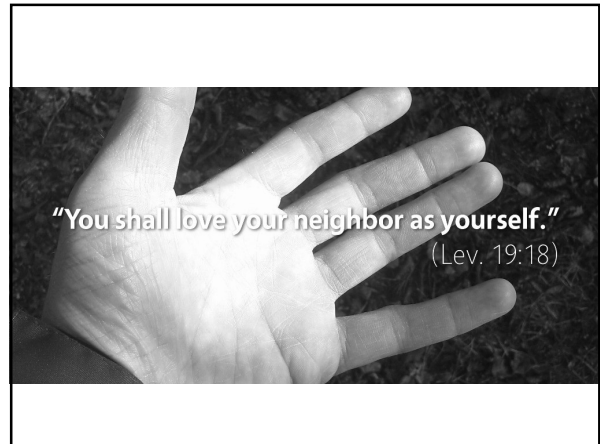


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James 2:8-9

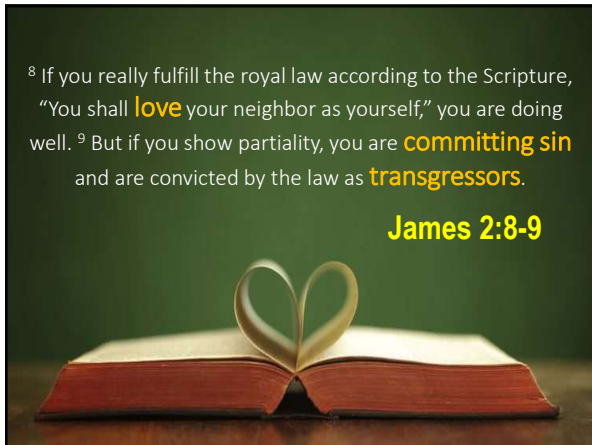


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(Lev. 19:18)

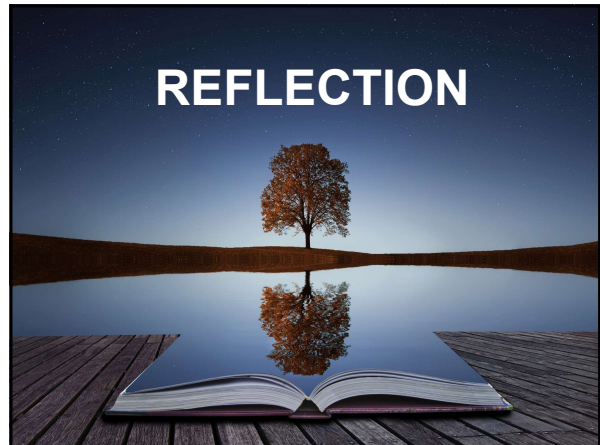


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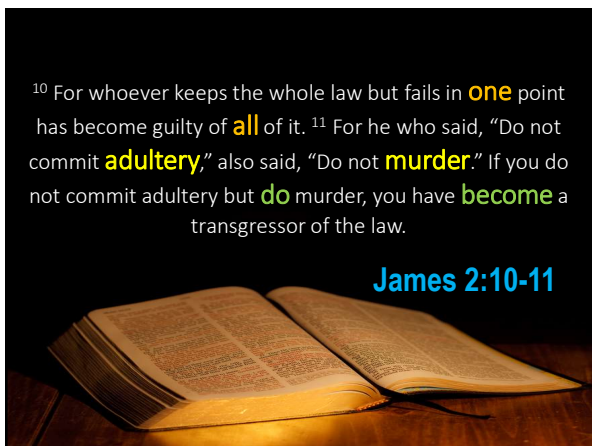


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James 2:10-11



When we choose and pick what we want to **obey**, we **deceive** ourselves and do not do what God says.

