## Faith without favouritism

James 2:1-4

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#### The tests of Faith

- Test of <u>Trials</u>
  Test of <u>Treasure</u>
- 3. Test of <u>Temptation</u>
- 4. Test of <u>Truth</u>
- 5. Test of the <u>Tongue</u>
- 6. Test of <u>Treatment</u> (of each other)

Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, *and* to keep oneself unspotted from the world.

James 1:27

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James 2:1

#### **Favouritism**

#### •**Partiality** (2-3) Preferential treatment shown to the rich over the poor

•**Prejudice (4)** Become judges with evil thoughts

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James 2:2-4

### 4 have you not <u>discriminated</u> among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?

James 2:4

<sup>26</sup> So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, <sup>27</sup> for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. <sup>28</sup> There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup> If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Galatians 3:26-29

# 4 have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?

James 2:4