

# Faith without Favouritism II

James 2:4-13

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<sup>4</sup> have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? <sup>5</sup> Listen, my dear brothers and sisters: Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him? <sup>6</sup> But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who are exploiting you?

# Treatment against the Poor (4-6)

- **Discriminate (4)**  
Become judges with evil thoughts
- **Dishonour (6)**  
Shame or humiliate the poor

<sup>5</sup> Listen, my dear brothers and sisters: Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him?

Is it not the rich who are exploiting you?  
Are they not the ones who are dragging you into  
court?  
<sup>7</sup> Are they not the ones who are blaspheming the  
noble name of him to whom you belong?

# Treatment of others (1-13)

- **Don't** (1-7)

Do not discriminate and dishonour the poor

- **Do** (8-13)

Love your neighbour as yourself

<sup>8</sup> If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, “Love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing right. <sup>9</sup> But if you show favoritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers.

<sup>10</sup> For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it. <sup>11</sup> For he who said, “You shall not commit adultery,” also said, “You shall not murder.” If you do not commit adultery but do commit murder, you have become a lawbreaker.



<sup>12</sup> Speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law that gives freedom

# About Judgement

- **No judgement for believers?**

or

- **No escape of judgment for believers?**

<sup>12</sup> Speak and act as those who are going to be  
judged by the law that gives  
freedom, <sup>13</sup> because judgment without mercy will  
be shown to anyone who has not been merciful.

Mercy triumphs over judgment.