



## THE BOOK OF JAMES

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(James 2:8,9) Yes indeed, it is good when you obey the royal law as found in the Scriptures: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>9</sup> But if you favor some people over others, you are committing a sin. You are guilty of breaking the law.

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(James 2:12,13) So whatever you say or whatever you do, remember that you will be judged by the law that sets you free. <sup>13</sup> There will be no mercy for those who have not shown mercy to others. But if you have been merciful, God will be merciful when he judges you.

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