

# James 2:8-13

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# Context?

- Read the passage
  - How does this connect to previous weeks
- 2:1-7 They had the sin of showing favoritism and snubbing the poor
- What is 2:8-13 about?
- 1:19-25
  - what was Law of liberty?
- Next time James 2:14-19

# V. 8

- Mark 12:28, Rom 13:8
  - How does love of God show up here
  - Why bring up love for your neighbor here
  - How should this motivate the receivers of the letter and us?
  - There is an if, then What is the result?
  - Royal Law
    - Expressed in Scripture
    - He appeals to OT law to grab their consciences

## v. 9 the contrast

- If you show partiality
  - You sin
  - You are transgressors
    - Meaning of transgressor
- How do they/we rationalize sin
  - All because I do XXX that doesn't make me a sinner

# V.10 ,11

- What is the argument?
  - There is one Law Giver and so one Law.
  - So to break any part of the Law is an offense against God
- What does this say to the sinner?
  - It is not that our good outweighs our bad
  - All Laws count
- Who is James appealing to
  - People who would see the law as an authority
  - Rom 2:21ff

# Pause for observations

- Thinking about things that have floated around evangelical circles over my lifetime
- James invokes commandments, so he has no problem with being under the law as a rule of life. (eg. Eph 6:1-3)
- The law here is Love you Neighbor, so love is not some easy path

# V 12 Judgement

- Math 12:36
- Math 25:32
- How do these passages make you feel?

# v13

- Math 18: 21ff We have been shown mercy, so we should be merciful
- There will be judgement for those who are not this way
- This is not about earning mercy, so mercy triumphed over judgment
- cf. Math 6:9ff



# V12, 13

- Is it God's mercy triumphing His Judgement, or our mercy triumphing over our judgement?
- You don't earn mercy
- But we are given a real test of our hearts