

Of faith without works.

sembly a man with a gold ring, in goodly apparel, and there come in also a poor man in vile raiment;

3 And ye have respect to him that weareth the gay clothing, and say unto him, Sit thou here ² in a good place; and say to the poor, Stand thou there, or sit here under my footstool:

4 Are ye not then partial in yourselves, and are become judges of evil thoughts?

5 Hearken, my beloved brethren, *b* hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich *c* in faith, and heirs of ³ the kingdom *d* which he hath promised to them that love him?

6 But ye have despised the poor. Do not rich men oppress you, and draw you before the judgment-seats?

7 Do not they blaspheme that *e* worthy name by the which ye are called?

8 If ye fulfil the royal law, according to the scripture, *f* Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself, ye do well:

9 But if ye have respect *g* to persons, ye commit sin, and are convinced of the law as transgressors.

10 For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he *h* is guilty of all.

11 For ⁴ he that said, *i* Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor of the law.

12 So speak ye, and so do, as they that shall be judged by the law *k* of liberty.

13 For he *l* shall have judgment without mercy, that hath showed no mercy; and mercy ⁵ rejoiceth *m* against judgment.

14 What *n* doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? Can faith save him?

15 If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food,

16 And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what *o* doth it profit?

17 Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being ⁶ alone.

18 Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: show me thy faith ⁷ without thy works, and I *p* will show thee my faith by my works.

19 Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils *q* also believe, and tremble.

20 But wilt thou know, O vain

JAMES, III.

A. D. 60.

² or, well;

or, secretly.

b 1Co. 1.26-28.

c Re. 2.9.

³ or, that.

d Mat. 5.3.

Lu. 12.32.

22.29.

e Ps. 111.9.

f Le. 19.18.

g ver. 1.

h De. 27.26.

⁴ or, that

law which

said.

i Ex. 20.13,14.

k ch. 1.25.

l Pr. 21.13.

Mat. 6.15.

7.1,2.

⁵ or, gloryeth.

m Ps. 85.10.

n Mat. 7.26.

o Jno. 3.18.

⁶ by itself.

⁷ some copies read,

by.

p ch. 3.13.

q Mar. 1.24.

5.7.

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*r* Ge. 22.9,12.

<sup>8</sup> or, Thou

seest.

*s* He. 11.17.

*t* Ge. 15.6.

*u* 2Ch. 20.7.

Is. 41.8.

*v* Re. 20.12.

*w* Jos. 2.1,&c.

He. 11.31.

*x* Mat. 21.31.

<sup>9</sup> or, breath.

(CHAP. 3.)

*a* Mat. 23.8,

14.

1Pe. 5.3.

<sup>1</sup> or, judgment.

*b* 1Ki. 8.46.

Pr. 20.9.

1Jno. 1.8.

*c* Pr. 13.3.

*d* Ps. 32.9.

*e* Pr. 12.18.

*f* Ps. 12.3.

<sup>2</sup> or, wood.

*g* Pr. 16.27.

*h* Mat. 15.11-

20.

<sup>3</sup> wheel.

<sup>4</sup> nature.

<sup>5</sup> nature of

man.

*i* Ps. 140.3.

Ro. 3.13.

Of bridling the tongue.

man, that faith without works is dead?

21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when *r* he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar?

22 <sup>8</sup> Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect?

23 And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, *t* Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called *u* the Friend of God.

24 Ye see then how that by works *v* a man is justified, and not by faith only.

25 Likewise also was not Rahab *w* the harlot *x* justified by works, when she had received the messengers, and had sent *them* out another way?

26 For as the body without the <sup>9</sup> spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

CHAPTER III.

1 We are not rashly or arrogantly to reprove others, <sup>5</sup> but rather to bridle the tongue. 13 They that be truly wise are mild and peaceable, without envying and strife.

**M**Y brethren, be not many a masters, knowing that we shall receive the greater <sup>1</sup> condemnation.

2 For *b* in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, *c* the same *is* a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body.

3 Behold, we put bits *d* in the horses' mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body.

4 Behold also the ships, which though *they* be so great, and are driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm, whithersoever the governor listeth.

5 Even so the tongue *e* is a little member, and boasteth *f* great things. Behold, how great <sup>2</sup> a matter a little fire kindleth!

6 And the tongue *is* a fire, *g* a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth *h* the whole body, and setteth on fire the <sup>3</sup> course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell.

7 For every <sup>4</sup> kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of <sup>5</sup> mankind:

8 But the tongue can no man tame; *it* is an unruly evil, full of deadly *i* poison.

9 Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God.