Pure Doctrine for Holy Living

A Study of the Epistle of James

Doers of the Word Lesson 2 James 1:19-2:13

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The New Covenant Age

- ► A new era in the plan of God began on the Day of Pentecost
- ► The end of the Law of Moses for the believer
- ► "The mystery of His will" (Eph 1:9-10)
- ► The need for new revelation apostles and prophets (Eph 2:20)
- ► First epistle written: James (ca AD 45)
- ► Theme: Becoming "perfect and complete, lacking in nothing" (Jas 1:4)

The Introduction (1:1-18)

- Servants of God
- ► The joy of trials the proof of genuine faith
- ► The need for wisdom
- ► Foundational truths
 - The goodness of God
 - The new birth
 - The Word of Truth

First Fruits of His Creatures

- ► The importance of the Word of God (1:19-25)
- ► Specific examples of perfection (1:26-2:7)
- ► The Law of Liberty, the Royal Law, and the Law of Moses (2:8-13)

The Word of Truth (1:19-21)

- ► Brought forth by the Word of Truth (1:18)
- ▶ Be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger (1:19-20)
- ► Receive the word implanted which is able to save your souls (1:21)
- ► Jonah the angry prophet who is quick to speak
- ▶ Jesus the silent sufferer with an open ear (Isa 50:5; 53:7)

Be Doers and Not Hearers Only (1:22-25)

- ▶ Prove to be a doer of the word and not a deluded hearer (1:22)
- ► The use and abuse of a mirror (1:23-24)
- ► The mirror of the soul the perfect law of liberty (1:25)
- ► The doer will be blessed in what he does

Pure and Undefiled Religion (1:26-2:7)

- ▶ Bridle the tongue
- Visit orphans and widows
- Keep yourself unstained by the world
- Do not show partiality

The Sin of Partiality (2:1-7)

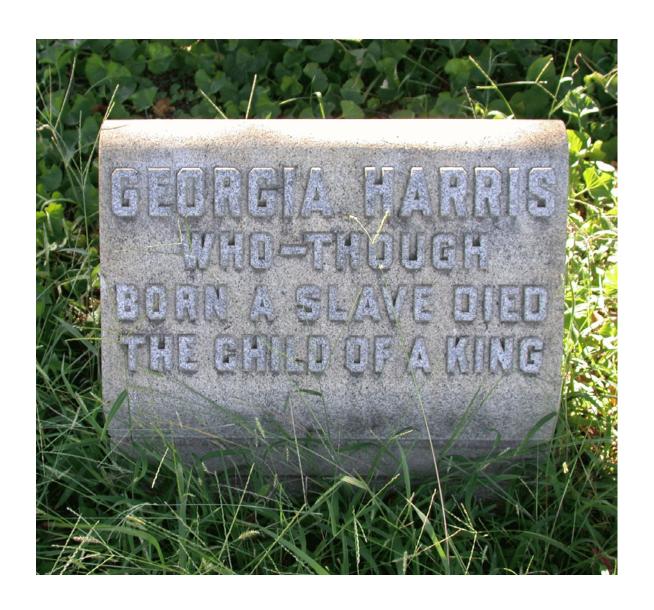
- ► Faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ
- ► Sin in the synagogue preference for fine clothes over dirty clothes
- Judging by wicked reasoning human wisdom
- ► Blessed are the poor chosen to believe and to inherit the Kingdom
- ► The rich persecution and blasphemy
- ► Human "wisdom" fails to "achieve the righteousness of God" (1:20)

Living by the Law of Liberty (2:8-13)

- ► Three Laws: the Royal Law, the Law of Moses, the Law of Liberty
- ► The Royal Law the Law of the King
 - It is the standard for heirs of the Kingdom
 - If you love your neighbor as yourself, you do well
 - It is a higher standard than the Law of Moses it commands the mind
 - The Royal Law is incompatible with showing partiality

Living by the Law of Liberty (2:8-13)

- ▶ The Law of Moses
 - The description is consistent with the Law of Moses
 - Emphasis upon guilt
 - Emphasis upon the unity of sin transgress one = transgress all
 - No mercy
 - 3 parts: commandment, reward, penalty but no blessing
 - A permanent slavery
 - No solution for sin
 - No solution for inability
 - No grace and no mercy
 - No eternal blessing



Living by the Law of Liberty (2:8-13)

- ► The perfect Law abiding brings blessing (1:25)
- ► The righteousness of God without penalty; blessing without penalty
- ► The Law Liberty is commandments after redemption no penalty
- ► The Law of Liberty is freedom from inability the Holy Spirit within
- ► The Law of Liberty shows mercy has replaced judgment
- Speak and act like those to be judged by the Law of Liberty
- ► The Law of Liberty is the Law of the King

The First Fruits Among His Creatures

- ▶ It is a people whose faith reflects the glory of Christ
- ▶ It is a people who show mercy because we have received mercy
- ▶ It is a people who are no longer slaves to sin or spiritual inability
- ▶ It is a people who are distinguished by doing good