

# JAMES 09

## Vain and Pure Religion

### 1. 1:26-27 – Vain and Pure Religion

- a. How do they seem to be religious? A: Lip-service. – Mat 15:1, 7-11, Jam 3:9
- b. Jesus warned them of this leaven of hypocrisy – Luke 12:1-3
- c. Undefined religion was obedience – Psalm 119:1, Matthew 23:23
- d. Israel's religious works were vain without a faith that worked – Isaiah 1:10-15
- e. Pure religion is to do well and remain unspotted – Isaiah 1:16-17
- f. Vain men show up in James 2:20 without works – spoken by prophet Ezekiel 33:31-32
- g. Vain men also show up trying to teach the law to Paul's group – Titus 1:10, Col 2:8

### 2. 2:1 – Respect of Persons

- a. The job of the priest was to have a righteous judgment – Lev 19:15, Prov 24:23
- b. "Respect of persons" was not a new thing – Mat 22:16. 2 Chron 19:7, James 2:9
- c. Jesus went to the poor, the sick, the dead and forgave their sins – Luke 7
- d. What God has cleansed do not call unclean – Acts 10:28,34
- e. Not respecting persons = unequal judgment; the law judged in equity.
- f. God did not respect Israel just because they had a covenant – Rom 2:11
- g. God did separate a nation to do his will – Mat 21:43, 1 Pet 2:9

### 3. 2:2-7 – Judgment by Appearance

- a. A righteous judgment is not by appearance or riches – John 7:24
- b. They would be tempted with riches, and needed no respect of persons – Prov 28:21-22
- c. The men coming in could be the hypocritical Pharisees (beware!) – Mat 23:6
- d. How many Pharisees believed? → John 7:45-49, John 12:42
- e. God chose the poor rich in faith – Luke 6:20, 12:32-33
- f. "to them that love him" – James 1:12, John 14:15, 21
- g. The "rich men" oppressors show up in Acts – Luke 21:12, Acts 4:1-3, 12,17
- h. Beware of false prophets in sheep clothing – Mat 7:15
- i. The Pharisees were blaspheming the name of Jesus – Mat 12:24
- j. Paul was at one time a Pharisee – 1 Tim 1:13, Phil 3:5
- k. There were great blasphemies during the end – Rev 13:6, 2:9