

Valley Bible Church – Sermon Notes

Sermon Notes for February 27-28, 1999

"Rich Man, Poor Man"

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James 2:1-13

The Principle (James 2:1)

The Example (James 2:2-4)

The Inconsistency (James 2:5-7)

The preferential treatment of the rich over the poor was inconsistent with God's choice of the poor.

The preferential treatment of the rich over the poor was inconsistent with the hostile actions of the rich toward them.

"Oppress" (KATADUNASTEUO) means to tyrannize, to exercise inordinate power over others. It conveys the picture of a potentate exercising his power over those under his control in a hurtful & oppressive manner.

Being drug into court is not a picture of religious persecution but rather of judicial persecution.

"Blasphemy" is the intentional and defiant dishonoring of the nature, name, or work of God by word or action.

"By which you have been called" is a Hebraism denoting that they belong to the One whose name they wear (Deuteronomy 28:10, 2 Chronicles 7:14).