

Valley Bible Church – Sermon Notes

Sermon Notes for March 13-14 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 Violation (James 2:8-11)

The appeal (James 2:12-13)

The "law of liberty" is simply referring to the scriptures and their power to set us free from the bondage of sin. Certainly this is not accomplished by us keeping the moral law of God which is impossible. But rather it is accomplished when we by faith embrace the gospel of Christ which is contained in the scriptures.

Every person who has ever lived will stand before Christ in judgment and their works will be judged (Romans 2:6-11).

Unbelievers will stand before Him at the great white throne judgment (Rev. 20:11-15).

Believers will stand before Him at the judgment seat of Christ (1 Cor. 3:10-15; 2 Cor. 5:9-11).

Good works cannot produce redemption, but genuine redemption produces obedient and holy living that will be characterized by good works. Living faith will be demonstrated by a holy life.

"Mercy" is the outward manifestation of pity and compassion in kindly action toward the misery of another. It looks not at what the man deserves but what he needs.