

## **The Epistle of James**

### **Chapters 2 and 3**

- IV. The Saint and Snobbery (2:1-13)
  - A. Respecting the rich to elevate one's personal prestige is incompatible with faith in Christ Jesus (v. 1)
  - B. Illustration of snobbery (vv. 2-3)
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  - D. Unreasonableness of such treatment (vv. 5-7)
  - E. Christians transgress the royal law of love when they cater to rich (anybody) to gain personal advantage (vv. 8-13)
  
- V. The Saint and Service (2:14-26)
  - A. Fruitless Faith (vv. 14-20)
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    - 1. Abraham
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  - C. The Summation (v. 26)
  
- VI. The Saint and His Speech (3:1-12)
  - A. Speech, an index to one's character (vv. 1-2)
  - B. Speech, it's power illustrated (vv. 3-8)
  - C. Speech, hypocrisy of some professing Christians (vv. 9-12)
  
- VII. The Saint and Sagacity (3:13-18)
  - A. True/Godly/Heavenly Wisdom (vv. 13, 17-18)
    - 1. Good life
    - 2. Meekness (Humility)
    - 3. Pure
    - 4. Peace loving
    - 5. Considerate
    - 6. Submissive
    - 7. Full of mercy and good fruit
    - 8. Impartial and sincere
    - 9. Peacemakers
  - B. False/Man's/Earthly Wisdom (vv. 14-16)
    - 1. Bitter Envy
    - 2. Selfish Ambition
    - 3. Disorder—evil practice of every kind