

## **James 2:1-26**

### **DFH Worship Translation**

<sup>1</sup> My brothers, not in partiality do you have the faith of our lord Jesus Christ of glory.

<sup>2</sup> For if a man with a gold ring on his finger in splendid clothing enters into your synagogue and also a beggar in filthy clothing enters,

<sup>3</sup> and you look intently upon the one wearing the splendid clothing and say, “You sit here in the good [place],” and to the beggar, you say, “You stand there or sit under my footstool,”

<sup>4</sup> [and] did you not make distinctions in yourselves and become judges of wicked thoughts?

<sup>5</sup> Listen, my beloved brothers, did not God choose the beggars to the world [to be] rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he promised to the ones who love him?

<sup>6</sup> But you dishonored the beggars. Do not the rich oppress you and pull you into lawsuits?

<sup>7</sup> Do they not slander the good name by which you have been called?

<sup>8</sup> If you actually fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, “Love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing well.

<sup>9</sup> But if you show partiality, you work sin and [you are] brought to light by the law as transgressors.

<sup>10</sup> For whoever keeps all the law, but stumbles in one, he has become answerable of all.

<sup>11</sup> For the one who said, “Do not commit adultery,” also said, “Do not kill,” but if you do not commit adultery but do kill, you have become a transgressor of the law.

<sup>12</sup> So speak and [so] do, as those who are about to be judged through [the] law of freedom.

<sup>13</sup> For the judgment [is] merciless to the one who has not done mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.

<sup>14</sup> What [is] the benefit, my brothers, if someone says to have faith, but does not have deeds? Is faith [not] able to save him?

<sup>15</sup> If a brother or sister is naked and is in need of food for the day,

<sup>16</sup> and someone of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warm and be filled” but you do not give them what is necessary of the body, what is the benefit?

<sup>17</sup> So also [the] faith, if it does not have deeds, is dead in itself.

<sup>18</sup> But someone will say, “You have faith, and I have deeds. Show me your faith apart from deeds, and I will show you [the] faith from my deeds.”

<sup>19</sup> You believe that God is one, you do well; even the demons believe and shudder.

<sup>20</sup> But do you wish to know, oh empty man, that [the] faith apart from deeds is idle?

<sup>21</sup> Was not Abraham our father shown to be righteous from deeds when he offered up Isaac his son upon the altar?

<sup>22</sup> You see that [the] faith was working together with his works [or deeds] and from the works [or deeds] the faith was made complete.

<sup>23</sup> And the Scripture was fulfilled that says, “And Abraham believed God and it was reckoned to him as righteousness,” and he was called a friend of God.

<sup>24</sup> [You] see that from deeds a person is shown to be righteous and not from faith alone.

<sup>25</sup> Likewise [also] was not even Rahab the prostitute from deeds shown to be righteous when she received the messengers, then sent them out by another way?

<sup>26</sup> For just as the body apart from spirit is dead, so also [the] faith apart from deeds is dead.

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