

A reading from James chapter 2 verses 1 through 10. You can find the reading on page 1011 in your pew Bible.

My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "You sit here in a good place," while you say to the poor man, "You stand over there," or, "Sit down at my feet," have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called?

If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well. But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please join me in praying Psalm 4.

Leader: Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness!
You have given me relief when I was in distress.
Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!

**People: O men, how long shall my honor be turned
into shame?
How long will you love vain words and seek after lies?**

Leader: But know that the LORD has set apart the godly
for himself;
the LORD hears when I call to him.

**People: Be angry, and do not sin;
ponder in your own hearts on your beds,
and be silent.**

Leader: Offer right sacrifices,
and put your trust in the LORD.

**People: There are many who say,
“Who will show us some good?
Lift up the light of your face upon us, O LORD!”**

Leader: You have put more joy in my heart
than they have when their grain and wine abound.

**People In peace I will both lie down and sleep;
for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it
was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

Leader: Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.

(allow them time to stand)

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Mark.**

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

And from there he arose and went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And he entered a house and did not want anyone to know, yet he could not be hidden. But immediately a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, a Syrophenician by birth. And she begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. And he said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." And he said to her, "For this statement you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter." And she went home and found the child lying in bed and the demon gone.

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.