



FROM LAST WEEK

Chapter 1 concludes with the command to look after the orphans and widows in their distress and keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

Chapter 2 opens with a common pollution we need to watch out for



THE PRACTICE OF OUR PROFESSION: GIVING THE ROYAL TREATMENT

James 2:1-13



THE PIT OF PARTIALITY

Guilty? Who are often favored in our society?

The physically attractive

The physically powerful

The wealthy

The athletically gifted

Such partiality is not of God



VSS. 1-4

For treatment of the poor, see Deut. 15:1-11
(Matt. 26:11)

See God's righteous (impartial) judgment
Rom. 2:9-11; 3:9-18

Showing partiality exposes a gross misunderstanding
the Gospel of Jesus Christ



VSS. 5-7

Consider David the shepherd boy (1 Sam. 17:41-47)
vs. David the king (2 Sam. 24)

Warnings against trusting in wealth

Matt. 6:19 and 21

1 Tim. 6:6-10

Luke 18:18-25



VSS. 8-11

The Royal Law “Love your neighbor as yourself.”

See Matt. 22:34-40

Believing ourselves faithful in every other aspect of
the Christian life yet failing here...

Sounds like a Pharisee, doesn't it?

Matt. 5:20



VSS. 12-13

“The law that gives freedom”

The hope held out in the Gospel Jesus

John 8:34-36

Rehearse the Gospel

John 3:16; Rom. 3:9ff, 5:6-11; Eph. 2

Speak and act accordingly...