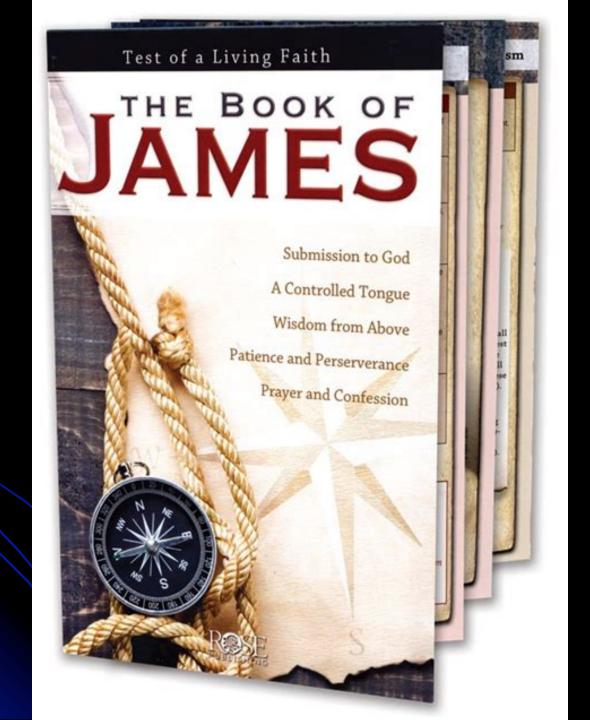


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(James 2:1-10)



Independence Hall and Liberty Bell in Philadelphia



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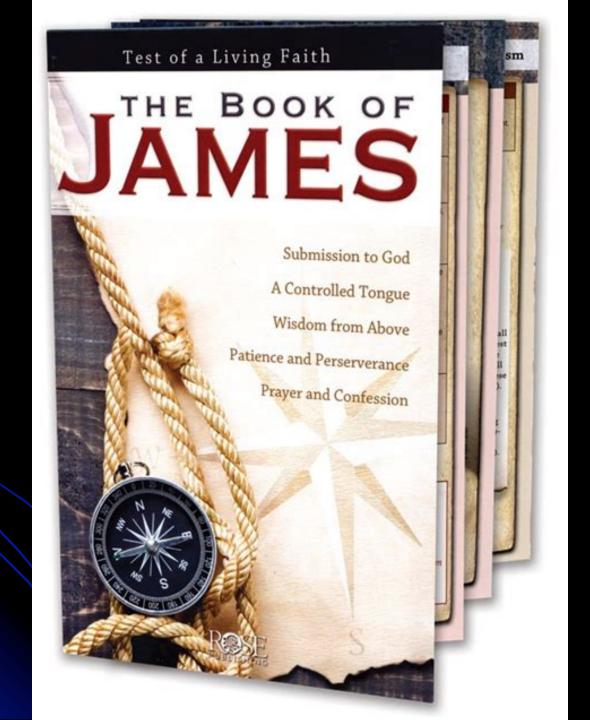
"I Can't Breathe"



Micah 6:8

 He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.





Act of Favoritism (2:1-3)

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What is Favoritism?

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Birdwatcher in Central Park of NY



We can still Discern

Precaution



Favoritism (James 2:1-10)

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 2:4 have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?

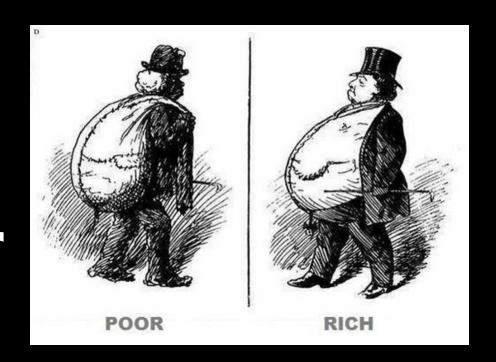
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To the Rich

To the Poor



Human Relationship is Conditional

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Fallacy of Favoritism (2:5-7)

- 5 Listen, my dear brothers and sisters: Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him?
- 6 But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who are exploiting you? Are they not the ones who are dragging you into court?
- 7 Are they not the ones who are blaspheming the noble name of him to whom you belong?

Jesus born in a manager

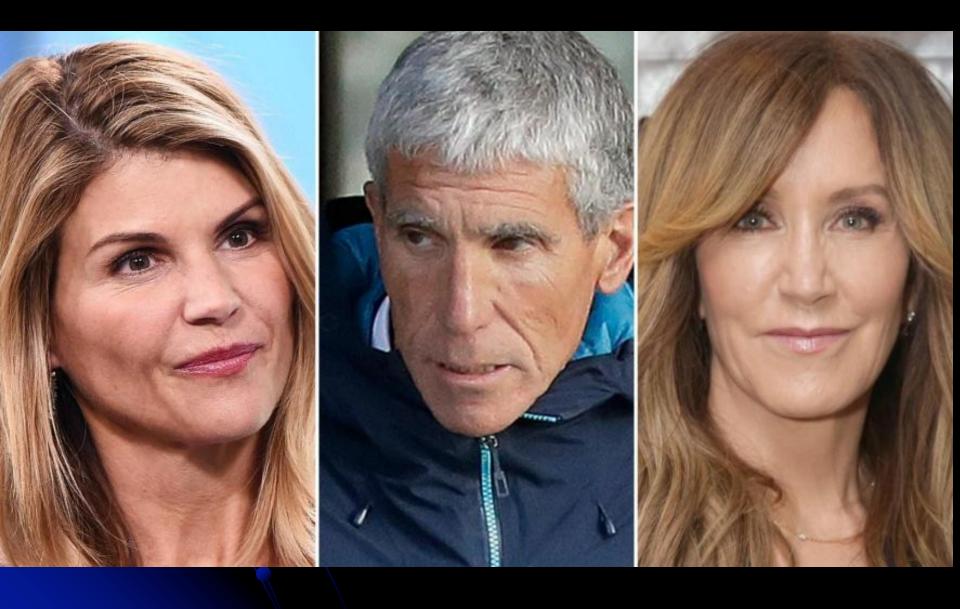




²³ Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!" ²⁴ The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵ It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." (Mark 10: 23-25)

Why is it difficult for the rich to enter heaven?

Actresses Lori Loughlin and Felicity Huffman



Avoiding Reverse Discrimination

• 2 "Do not follow the crowd in doing wrong. When you give testimony in a lawsuit, do not pervert justice by siding with the crowd, ³ and do not show favoritism to a poor person in a lawsuit. (Exodus 23:2-3)

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- 8 If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, "Love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing right.
- 9 But if you show favoritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers.
- 10 For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it.

Love your neighbor as yourself!

Who is My Neighbor? (Luke 10:25-37)



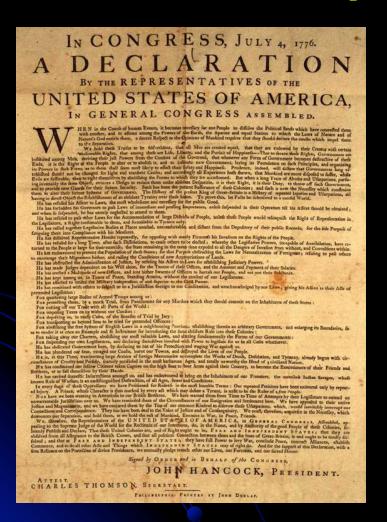
- 36 "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?"
 - Priest
 - Levite
 - Samaritan
- ³⁷ The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him."
- Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

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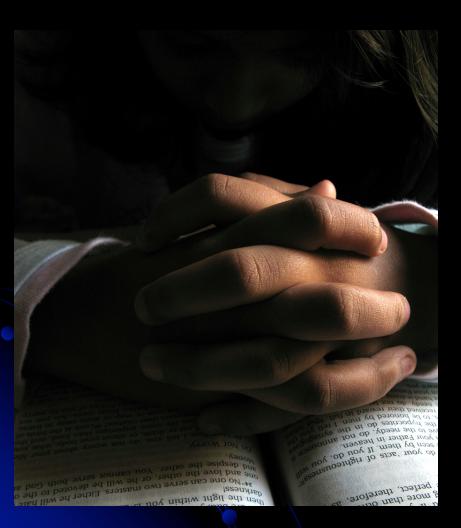
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