

## *James' Meditation on Leviticus 19*

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| <p><sup>11</sup> “You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another. <sup>12</sup> You shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the Lord.</p> <p><sup>13</sup> “You shall not oppress your neighbor or rob him. The wages of a hired worker shall not remain with you all night until the morning. <sup>14</sup> You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God: I am the Lord.</p> <p><sup>15</sup> “You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. <sup>16</sup> You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the Lord.</p> <p><sup>17</sup> “You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. <sup>18</sup> You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.</p> |

| James                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |        |
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| But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your “yes” be yes and your “no” be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation.                                          | 5:12   |
| Behold, the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, are crying out against you, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts.                                    | 5:4    |
| <sup>1</sup> My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory ... <sup>9</sup> But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. | 2:1, 9 |
| Do not speak evil against one another, brothers. The one who speaks against a brother or judges his brother, speaks evil against the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge. | 4:11   |
| Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door.                                                                                                           | 5:9    |
| If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing well.                                                                                                   | 2:8    |