Grace Valley bible Church

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Study: Book of James File: Tuesday

**Lesson: TRANSGRESSOR OF LAW** 

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Text: James 2:10-11

We could divide the context (2:1-13) of the **subject of sin of Partiality** by the following four homiletical points:

**Command** (2:1/ stop personal favoritism/ echo/ p.a.impv.2pl)

**Conduct** (2:2-7/ example of sin of partiality)

Commandment (8/ royal law of love/ Lev.19:18; Deut 6:5)

**Conviction** (2:9-13/ transgressor of law)

The purpose of this lesson is to show the superiority of the GRACE of the New Covenant (NC) over the Mosaic Law of the Old Covenant (OC).

Today's study will study FOUR aspects **Transgressor of Law** brings conviction to church age believers (CAB) who choose to put themselves under the Mosaic Law system.

1. James establishes how the <u>Law of Transgressor</u> worked regarding the <u>sin of partiality</u> in <u>Jas.2:9</u> - "But if (1cc/ true) you <u>show partiality (prosopolempteo/ p.a.ind.2pl</u>), (then/ true) you are <u>committing (ergazo/ p.m.ind.2pl/ producing) sin</u> and are <u>convicted</u> (elencho/ p.p.ptc.nplm) by the law as transgressor."

Listen to James' argument concerning the danger of the Transgressor of Mosaic Law in **Jas.2:10**– "For **whoever** keeps the whole law and <u>yet stumbles in one</u> <del>poin</del>t, he has **become guilty of all**."

## Formula of Transgressor of Law:

When you choose to live under the Mosaic Law (ML), you choose to live under them all. When you violate one, you are Guilty of violation of ALL.

James gave an example of this OC doctrinal ML principle in Jas.2:11 – "For He who said, 'Do not commit adultery,' also said, 'Do not commit murder.' Now if (1cc) you do not commit adultery, but do commit murder, (then) you have become a transgressor of the law."

James applied this OC doctrinal principle to sin of partiality (2:8-9). What Law did it violate?

2. The sin of partiality violated the ROYAL LAW OF LOVE **Lev.19:18** - "If (1cc/ true), however, you are fulfilling the royal law according to the Scripture, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself, (then/ true) you are doing (poieo/ p.a.ind.2pl) well (kalos/ adverb/ done right towards God) (Jas.2:8/ Titus 3:8)."

**Royal (basilikos**/ belong to King of kings and Lord of lords). When the Messiah comes He will offer it to the entire world (John 3:16; Rom.5:5, 8).

3. The ML system does not allow you to pick and choose which laws you will keep and which one you will violate. Violating one is guilty of all (James 2:10).

ML was designed by God as perfect law that man can not keep and thus teaches man his need for a Savior outside the ML and outside AOS (Adam's original sin) and OSN (old sin-nature).

"Nevertheless knowing that a man is **NOT justified** by the works of the Law **but through** FAITH in Christ Jesus, so that we may be **justified by faith in Christ and NOT by works of the Law**; since by the works of the Law **NO flesh** will be justified." (Gal.2:16)

"Therefore the Law has become our **tutor to lead us to Christ, so that** we may be **justified by faith.**" (Gal.3:24; 5:13-15)

"For the Law, since it has only a shadow of the good things to come and not the very form of things, CAN NEVER, by the same sacrifices which they offer continually tear by year, make perfect those who draw near." (Heb.10:1/ shadow Christology)

4. The source of personal sin is OSN but choice of sin is violation of knowledge of sin by Scriptures such as the ML.

"Now we know that whatever the Law say, it speaks to those who are under the Law, so that every mouth may be closed and all the world may become accountable to God; **because by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified** in His sight; for **through the Law comes the knowledge of sin."** (Rom.3:19-20)

**OSN** (James 1:14-15)

OSN responds to areas of weakness as well as strengths.

Weakness
OSN doesn't produce divine good.

OSN produces human good and personal sin In the life of the believer (Gal.5:16-17; Rom.13:14)

Strength

Luke 15:11-32 (7, 10, 32)

Younger son (15:11-24)

Older son (15:25-31)

"Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another; for he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law. For this, 'You shall not commit adultery, you shall not murder, you shall not steal, you shall not covet,' and if there is any other commandment, it is summed up in this saying, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the Law." (Rom.13:8-10/ Deut.6:5; Lev.19:18/ 1 Cor.13:4-8)