

HOPE SABBATH SCHOOL

The Book of James – Part 9

One Lawgiver and Judge

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School--an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. We are continuing our study of the Book of James. Our topic today: One Lawgiver and Judge.

Scripture Theme Song: “Bless the LORD” – Psalm 103:1-4

- 1) Do not judge others
 - a) James 4:11,13
 - b) Does that remind you of some teaching of Jesus? Matthew 7:1-2
 - c) Why do people say slanderous things about other people?
 - d) What should we do instead of speaking words of judgment against others?
 - i) Matthew 7:3-5
 - ii) Ephesians 4:29
 - iii) Colossians 4:6
 - e) What is the difference between speaking words of judgment and exercising the gift of discernment?
 - i) For example: if you see a friend heading down the wrong road.
- 2) The Lawgiver is the judge
 - a) James 4:12
 - b) Why is it good news when we discover the identity of our judge?

- i) John 5:22-23
 - ii) 2 Corinthians 5:10
 - iii) John 5:24
 - iv) 1 John 5:11-13
 - c) How has the Lawgiver, who is able both to save and to destroy, revealed His attitude toward us?
- 3) Appropriate planning for the future
 - a) James 4:13-16
 - b) Does this remind you of a story in the teachings of Jesus? Luke 12:16-21
 - c) What experiences in your life have reminded you that life is like a vapor soon to vanish like the morning mist?
 - d) What then is appropriate planning for the future?
 - i) 1 John 3:1-3
 - ii) 2 Peter 3:10-13
 - iii) Matthew 25:14-28
 - iv) Matthew 6:10
 - v) Luke 22:42
- 4) Knowing and doing what is good
 - a) James 4:17
 - b) What is the correlation between verses 13-16 and verse 17?
 - c) Why is it sinful to know what is good and refuse to do it?
 - d) What story from the teachings of Jesus illustrates the sinfulness of knowing what is good and yet refusing to do it?
 - i) Luke 10:30-37
 - ii) Luke 14:16-24