

The Seven Last Plagues

Revelation 15 & 16

Bible Study Notes

"Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and has become a dwelling place of demons, a prison for every foul spirit, and a cage for every unclean and hated bird...And I heard another voice from heaven saying, "Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues."

Revelation 18:1,4

Most of our study will be in **Revelation 16** as **Revelation 15** is interconnected with 16 but it is quite a small chapter, therefore, I shall just summarise chapter 15 and go directly into chapter 16.

After John's vision which ended in **Revelation 14**, he sees a great and marvellous sign in heaven; he sees seven angels holding seven vials which contain the wrath of God, *the seven last plagues*.

In addition to this, verse 2 of chapter 15, takes us immediately to another vision which John sees, that is, a sea of glass, crystal clear, and upon it stand the 144,000. These have gained the victory over the beast, his mark and its image, and John now sees them after the 2nd Coming of Jesus, with their harps in hand, and golden crowns upon their heads, singing the song of Moses & the Lamb, the song of deliverance.

Following this John is taken back to his initial vision where he saw the seven angels. He now catches a glimpse of the Most Holy Place of the Heavenly Sanctuary, and the seven angels, clothed in pure, white linen, representative of their unfallen nature, have the seven vials in their hands and they leave the Temple.

The Heavenly Sanctuary is now filled with smoke from the glory of God [**Revelation 15:8**], and from His power and no man is able to enter into the Heavenly Sanctuary, *to approach the throne of mercy by faith*, until the seven last plagues are over. Jesus's work as intercessor, being our High Priest, [**Hebrews 4:14-16; Hebrews 8:1-5, Hebrews 7:22-27**], has been completed and there is no longer any mercy left to give to the unrepentant. Like the priests in the days of Solomon, our Great High Priests, *Jesus Christ*, can no longer perform His intercessory work as probation for all mankind has now come to an end. It is at this time that 'Michael stands up' to rule; Jesus removes His priestly garments and is clothed in His kingly robes, for the time of deliverance for His elect is soon at hand.

*'And it came to pass, when the priests came out of the holy place, that **the cloud filled the house of the LORD, so that the priests could not continue ministering because of the cloud; for the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD.**'* **1st Kings 8:10-11**

*'Then the cloud covered the tabernacle of meeting, **and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. And Moses was not able to enter the tabernacle of meeting,** because the cloud rested above it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.'* **Exodus 40:34-35**

It is at this time as it was in the days of Noah, that the door of the ark is closed, **Genesis 7:16**, the door of mercy is shut and says Jesus *'He who is unjust, let him be unjust still; he who is filthy, let him be filthy still; he who is righteous, let him be righteous still; he who is holy, let him be holy still.'* **Revelation 22:11**

END OF CHAPTER 15 SUMMARY

God is calling His people out of *Babylon*, that system of false worship, full of confusion that leads the world astray. All the nations of the world have drunk of the falsehoods of Babylon, **Revelation 17:2, Jeremiah 51:7**, but God, in His divine mercy, has sent His last message of warning to the world, *the 3 angel's messages* [**Revelation 14:6-12**], for His true and faithful followers to get back to the truths found in His Word that they may be set free, for the truth will set us free. Anyone who refuses to obey this call, shall continue living in their sins and as a result will receive of God's wrath which will be poured out without mercy upon the wicked.

*"Come, I will show you the judgment of the great harlot who sits on many waters, with whom the **kings of the earth** committed fornication, and **the inhabitants of the earth** were made drunk with the wine of her fornication."* **Revelation 17:1,2**

"Then a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, "If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand, he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation." **Revelation 14:9,10**

All those who refuse to heed the warning of God in these last days, given to us in His divine love & mercy, shall drink from the cup of His wrath and be trodden underfoot in the winepress of His fury.

*"Why is Your apparel red and Your garments like one who treads in the winepress? "I have trodden the winepress alone and from the peoples no one was with Me. For **I have trodden them in My anger and trampled them in My fury**; Their blood is sprinkled upon My garments, and I have stained all My robes. **For the day of vengeance is in My heart and the year of My redeemed has come.**"* **Isaiah 63:2-4**

Observe how there is a common relationship between the last seven plagues of Egypt and the last seven plagues that shall befall upon the wicked in these last days. The sins in both periods were similar and so are the punishments, **we also see that after the befalling of the plagues in Egypt, God's people were delivered from the hands of the Egyptians. In the same way, after the befalling of the seven last plagues in our time, God will again deliver His people**; all those who heeded the warning and came out of *Babylon*; all those who remained faithful to God even unto death, refusing the mark of the beast, all those who 'who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus'.

For as Solomon says, *"that which has been is what will be, that which is done is what will be done and there is nothing new under the sun."* **Ecclesiastes 1:9**

The apostle Paul also tells us in the 1st Epistle to the Corinthians that those things which occurred back then, were written for our admonishing and our example. *"Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come."* **1st Corinthians 10:9**

We can observe the signs of the times and clearly see that we are living in these last days; surely, 'the ends of the ages have come upon us', therefore, let us take heed to the events which shall soon surely take place. That is, the mark of the beast crisis and the falling of the seven last plagues upon the wicked. Let us wake up to what is going on around us lest we be weighed in the balances and found wanting.

Egypt:

We should first notice that God raised up a deliverer to lead the Israelites out of Egypt, in Moses. He ministered unto the Egyptians for a time, pleading with the King of Egypt to release God's people that they may leave the land of Egypt and travel to the Promised Land; the land of Canaan which the Lord had promised on oath to Abraham for his descendants. You can read the account of this from **Exodus 2** until **Exodus 12**.

However, we see that the Pharaoh constantly rejected God's pleading for His people, **by hardening his heart**, as a result, the Lord allowed the plagues to fall upon the land of Egypt. Of these plagues, the first three affected all the inhabitants of the land, Israelites included, however, **the last seven plagues befell upon the Egyptians only**.

These last seven plagues were the wrath of God being poured out upon the wicked of the land just before the Israelites were delivered from the land of sin, *the land of bondage, that is Egypt*, to be taken to the earthly Promised Land.

Last Days:

We see from the Book of Revelation, that just before Jesus comes in His Glory to deliver His people out of this world and take them to the true *Promised Land*, the seven (7) last plagues shall fall upon the wicked and they shall thus be destroyed by the splendour of His coming. The mark of the beast crises, [**enforced Sunday worship**] will come upon us all, thus we will need to make a choice, whether we will serve the true & living God according to His Word, or whether we will bow to the likes of man, obeying the doctrines and commandments of the beast. We all will need to make a choice; probation will soon be over for all of us and then and only then will the plagues fall.

Scripture shows us that in the last days, when the mark of the beast is made law, it will be impossible for God's faithful remnant of believers to buy or sell, all earthly support will be cut off from us and we will be hated by all nations and people for the name and testimony of Christ. This will commence the time of **great tribulation**, a time that has been unlike any other throughout the history of this earth. **Daniel 12:1; Matthew 24: 21**.

*"He **causes** [forces] all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, **to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads**, and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name." **Revelation 13:16-17***

*"Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and **you will be hated by all nations** for My name's sake." **Matthew 24:9***

*"You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. **And you will be hated by all for My name's sake**." **Luke 21:16***

However, despite all of this we are called to have patience [HUPOMONE- enduring trials, persistence, continuance in the faith], to be enduring and longsuffering, trusting in Jesus to protect us and deliver us, for there is nothing that we can do to save ourselves. In those days, He will provide all our needs according to His riches in glory, we have no need to fear, for not a hair on our heads shall perish, we shall have life eternal. **Luke 21:18**

*"Here is the patience of the saints; here are **those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus**." **Revelation 14:12***

"...his place of defence will be the fortress of rocks; bread will be given him; his water will be sure."

Isaiah 33:16

When do the plagues fall?

Just as in the days of Moses where the plagues fell before the deliverance of the Israelites, so will the seven last plagues fall upon the wicked, *all those who receive the mark of the beast*, before the deliverance of God's faithful people and the destruction of the wicked. There is nothing new under the sun. Many in the Christian world believe that the Church will be secretly raptured away before these events take place, however this is not in harmony with Scripture. Many would like to believe that the Church will not have to go through any persecution and therefore because of believing this lie from the enemy, will not be prepared to stand the test that is soon before us; they are what the Bible calls the five foolish virgins. **Matthew 25:1-13**

God always allows His people to go through persecution and tribulation, evidence of this is seen throughout the Scriptures as it **purifies and refines His people, it strengthens our faith** and the nay-sayers and fair-weather followers are thus sifted out, with the true remnant remaining. The same will be the case in the time of great tribulation.

"Yes, and ALL who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution." **2nd Timothy 3:12**

*And it shall come to pass in all the land," says the LORD, "That two-thirds in it shall be cut off and die, but one-third shall be left in it: **I will bring the one-third through the fire, will refine them as silver is refined, and test them as gold is tested.** They will call on My name, and I will answer them. I will say, 'This is My people', and each one will say, 'The LORD is my God.'" **Zechariah 13:7-9***

The Seven Last Plagues:

⇒ ***"So, the first went and poured out his bowl upon the earth, and a foul and loathsome sore came upon the men who had the mark of the beast and those who worshipped his image."*** **Revelation 16:2**

God begins to pour out His wrath upon the wicked. Foul & festering sores begin to appear on the bodies of all those who have taken the mark of the beast and worshipped its image. Probation has officially closed for mankind; Jesus has finished His intercessory work in the Most Holy Place of the Heavenly Sanctuary and *"no one could enter the temple until the seven plagues of the seven angels were completed."* **Revelation 15:8**

It is by faith that we enter the temple of God by prayer, seeking His mediatorial work for us before the Father, however, this has now ceased. God's faithful followers have now been sealed in the forehead, whereas the wicked have been marked with the mark of the beast and shall thus suffer the consequences, *the plagues*.

Compare with the plague of boils in Egypt in **Exodus 9:8-12**

⇒ ***"Then the second angel poured out his bowl on the sea, and it became blood as of a dead man; and every living creature in the sea died."*** **Revelation 16:3**

The seas are turned to blood, putrefied and foul like that of a dead man. An abundance of flies are attracted and diseases will abound throughout the earth. All the fish and marine life of the sea shall perish.

⇒ ***"Then the third angel poured out his bowl on the rivers and springs of water, and they became blood."***
Revelation 16:4

Now, the rivers, springs, and all the fresh water throughout the earth also turn to foul blood. Compare with the plague in Egypt in **Exodus 7:14-21**. All of the fish and other marine life found in the rivers shall all perish. All sources of water both from the sea and fresh water have now been turned to blood by the hand of the Lord and the wicked and the animals of the earth have no water to drink. Just think of the adverse effects this will have on all mankind, the agricultural industry, fishing industry and just basic day to day living.

Truly God's wrath is being poured out without mercy upon the wicked, but He is just in all His ways, **for the nations of the world have shed the blood of His saints so He has given them blood to drink.**

"Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake." **Matthew 24:9**

"You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. And you will be hated by all for My name's sake." **Luke 21:16**

⇒ ***"Then the fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and power was given to him to scorch men with fire. And men were scorched with great heat, and they blasphemed the name of God who has power over these plagues; and they did not repent and give Him glory."*** **Revelation 16:8-9**

The sun is allowed to scorch the earth as temperatures will soar across the entire planet. Add to this the fact that all the waters have been turned to blood, all marine life has perished, and all those who have refused to worship God faithfully in these last days will be covered in festering boils. Despite all of this, the wicked refuse to repent and give God the glory that is due His name.

Says the prophet Joel about that time, *"Alas for the day! For **the day of the LORD is at hand**; It shall come as destruction from the Almighty. Is not **the food cut off before our eyes**, joy and gladness from the house of our God? **The seed shrivels under the clods, storehouses are in shambles. Barns are broken down, for the grain has withered.** How the animals groan! The herds of cattle are restless, because **they have no pasture**; even the flocks of sheep suffer punishment. O LORD, to You I cry out; for **fire has devoured the open pastures**, and **a flame has burned all the trees of the field**. The beasts of the field also cry out to You, for **the water brooks are dried up**, and **fire has devoured the open pastures.**"* **Joel 1:15-20**

We see that there will be **widespread famine in the earth**, the animals of the earth will have no pasture to graze. Wildfires abound and the streams have dried up from the intense heat. Widespread death will abound of beast and man.

Truly this will be a time of trouble unlike any other since there has been a nation upon the earth, the four winds have now been released and will blow fully upon mankind. **Daniel 12:1 Revelation 7:1-3**

Despite all this, God's faithful believers who stood fast for Him despite the persecution and difficulties, shall be protected. We must claim the promises that Jesus has left for us in His word, we must keep our eyes focused on Jesus our saviour for He shall protect us because we have been sealed in the forehead. Our every need will be provided for during those days.

'Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.' **Isaiah 26:3**

"...his place of defence will be the fortress of rocks; bread will be given him; his water will be sure."
Isaiah 33:16

"You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, nor of the arrow that flies by day, nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness, nor of the destruction that lays waste at noonday. A thousand may fall at your side and ten thousand at your right hand; but it shall not come near you. Only with your eyes shall you look and see the reward of the wicked." **Psalm 91:5-8**

⇒ *"Then the fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and his kingdom became full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues because of the pain. They blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores and did not repent of their deeds."* **Revelation 16:10-11**

Compare with the plague seen in **Exodus 10:21-29**. Just as in the days of the Pharaoh of Egypt, so shall it be during the mark of the beast crisis. Widespread darkness shall befall the throne of the beast, a time of darkness so severe, that it will be 'felt' by the people, **Exodus 10:21**.

John tells us that this darkness will come over the throne of the beast and we know from our studies that this scarlet-coloured beast represents **the Papacy, Revelation 17: 3**, of which its throne resides in Vatican City, but it could also be a global darkness as well, as this beast's influence will be a worldwide one, his kingdom shall be global.

However, God's people during this time shall have light where they will reside, whether in the mountains, the dungeons or wherever they shall be as seen in times past during the plague of darkness found in **Exodus 10:23**.

'So, Moses stretched out his hand toward heaven, and there was thick darkness in all the land of Egypt three days. They did not see one another; nor did anyone rise from his place for three days. But all the children of Israel had light in their dwellings.' **Exodus 10:22-23**

Again, we notice that the wicked still refuse to repent of their sins, as Jesus says of this time after probation ends, *"He who is unjust, let him be unjust still; he who is filthy, let him be filthy still; he who is righteous, let him be righteous still; he who is holy, let him be holy still."* **Revelation 22:11**

The wicked shall remain wicked after probation ends, their opportunity for coming to know Jesus and be saved has now passed; they must now suffer the consequences. Therefore, they lift up their heads to the heavens and blaspheme the name of our Lord Jesus Christ because of their agony.

⇒ *Then the sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river **Euphrates**, and its water was dried up, so that the way of the kings from the east might be prepared. And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs coming out of the mouth of the dragon [the civil governments of the world], out of the mouth of the beast [the Papacy], and out of the mouth of the false prophet [apostate Christianity promulgated in America]. For they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.*
"Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed is he who watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame." And they gathered them together to the place called in Hebrew, Armageddon."

Here we see the **symbolic drying up of the river Euphrates**. In the days of the **literal** kingdom of Babylon, the **literal** river Euphrates flowed through the kingdom as does the River Thames flows through the City of London. However, just before the Medes & Persians overthrew the Kingdom of Babylon, in order to infiltrate the city of Babylon, they diverted the waters of the Euphrates river further upstream so that the **literal** Euphrates had 'dried' up within the city of Babylon. The Medes and Persians were thus able to claim the city of Babylon by going under the city walls where the river had been dried up. This **literal** event which took place during the days of King Belshazzar, **Daniel 5:30**, by King Cyrus of Persia, points exactly to what will in occur in the days of the sixth plague.

Revelation 17:15, Isaiah 57:20, Revelation 17:12-13 tells us that bodies of **water represents nations**. Therefore, as we know that the book of Revelation is a book of symbols, we must use the Bible to interpret those symbols for us.

If we read **Isaiah 41:1-4** & **Matthew 24:27** we get the understanding that Jesus is the one who comes from the east, just as Cyrus did when he delivered the Israelites from the Babylonian oppression, so shall Jesus and his mighty angels come from the east to deliver His faithful remnant from the oppression of spiritual Babylon. He shall come with His many angels, for as lightning flashes in the east and is seen in the west, so shall it be at the great Coming of Jesus.

It is interesting to note that in the Bible, the original Greek Word for 'east' here used in this verse is HELIOS, this word is used 30 times in the Bible to denote the 'sun' but only twice to denote the 'east'. This helps us to further understand that these 'kings' that will come are not only coming from the literal east, but they will come with the full glory and brightness of the sun one can argue. These 'kings' therefore, cannot be the Chinese or the Russians as some Evangelical Christians would say as this is not a disciplined way of interpreting Bible prophecy, one cannot say that because Russia and China are in the east that this is referring to them. We must be disciplined in our approach to Bible Prophecy and let the Bible interpret itself as I have mentioned before.

This shows us that at this 6th and penultimate plague, the many nations (*waters*) upon which the great beast sits (*ruled*), **Revelation 17:1-2** shall be dried up, that is **they shall no longer support the beast at that time just before the coming of the Lord Jesus**. As we see in **Revelation 17:12-13**, the nations of the earth will all give their power and authority to the beast, however, by **verse 16** of the same chapter, they all come to hate the beast and withdraw their support. It is at this time that Babylon begins to fall, it is here we see the '*waters of the Euphrates*' beginning to dry up. Soon, the antitypical Cyrus, *Jesus Christ*, shall come from the east and destroy Babylon and rescue His people, as did Cyrus at the time when he conquered literal Babylon in his day.

We also see that during this time there will be widespread miracles being worked by the devil, and many shall be deceived, "... **for they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty**" **verse.14**. Therefore, as God's faithful people in these last days, we cannot base our faith on signs and miracles only, we must test them by the Word, because as we see, these false miracles worked by satan and his agents will deceive many. They shall be deceived and shall follow the devil and not even know it, only by being studious Bible Christians will we be able to discern truth from error in these last days. Jesus has told us all of this ahead of time.

*"And Jesus answered and said to them: **Take heed that no one deceives you.** For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' **and will deceive many**... "Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or 'There!' do not believe it. For false christs and false prophets will **rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.** See, I have told you beforehand." **Matthew 24:4-5, 23-25***

Let us keep watch as Jesus admonishes us and pay attention to what is going on around us in this world today.

⇒ *"Then the seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and a loud voice came out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, **"It is done!"** And there were **noises and thunderings and lightnings**; and **there was a great earthquake**, such a mighty and great earthquake as had not occurred since men were on the earth. Now the great city was divided into three parts, and **the cities of the nations fell**. And great Babylon was remembered before God, to give her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of His wrath. Then every island fled away, and the mountains were not found. And **great hail from heaven fell upon men**, each hailstone about the weight of a talent. Men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail, since that plague was exceedingly great." **Revelation 16:17-21***

Seven in the Bible always represents completeness, it is God's number. We see so many examples of this throughout scripture, for e.g., the seven days, the seven churches, the seven trumpets, the seven-branch candle stick & the seven-fold Spirit of God. The seven last plagues are no different.

At the seventh and final plague, God shouts from the throne, *"it is done!"* His wrath has now been completed; it was poured out unmixed upon the wicked, the plan of redemption has now come to an end.

Many of the wicked have already perished. Multitudes have died, all the wicked, all who have received the mark of the beast in their right hand (actions) or their forehead (thoughts and beliefs). However, God's faithful remnant who were sealed in their foreheads have been protected through it all. *A thousand have fallen by their side and ten thousand by their right hand, but the plagues have not come near them.*

There will be thunder and lightning across the earth, it will be a day of darkness and a day of gloom, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, neither shall the stars.

*"The sun shall be turned into darkness and the moon into blood, before the coming of **the great and awesome day of the Lord.**" **Joel 2:31***

*'Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light? Is it not very dark, with no brightness in it?' **Amos 5:20***

The islands shall be swallowed up by the sea and the mountains shall crumble and fall to the ground and great hail stones weighing about a talent (45kg/90lbs) shall fall from the skies upon the wicked.

Says the Lord in the book of Job, *"**Have you entered the treasury of snow, or have you seen the treasury of hail, Which I have reserved for the time of trouble, for the day of battle and war?" **Job 38:22-23*****

The wicked shall run to and fro at this time, hiding in the caves and among the rocks begging for the rocks to fall upon them, **Revelation 6:15-17**, but they shall run in vain for they shall be destroyed.

The wicked have come to receive the full measure of their reward but the righteous shall be taken up, first the dead in Christ and then the living righteous by the angels, to meet the Lord in the air and there they shall be taken up to heaven to reign with Jesus. What a day this shall be.

Conclusion:

Brethren, a time of trouble is soon upon us, sooner than many in the Church realise and when this time of trouble comes upon the world, all mankind will need to make a choice. The mark of the beast will soon be here, we must choose who we will obey and worship, whether it be God, the creator of the Heavens and the earth and the seas and all that is in them or whether we worship man. The number of the beast is the number of man and those who choose to receive the mark of the beast will be worshippers of the doctrines and commandments of man.

If we claim that we are true worshippers of God, the One who is the Creator of the heaven, earth, sea, and all that is in them, **Revelation 14:6-12**, then we must go back to the story of the creation and when we do, we will realise that God has set aside a specific day each week for worship. This day He has sanctified, and blessed and made Holy, He has made it to be a sign between mankind and Himself, He has made this day for man and not man for this day. See **Genesis 2:1-3, Ezekiel 20:12, Matthew 12:8 & Mark 2:27**. The Sabbath (Saturday) is His Holy Day **(the 4th Commandment of God's Law), Exodus 20:8-12**, however, we live in a world where most of the Christian world keeps Sunday as a Holy Day, when this is not biblical. This was introduced into the Church firstly by Emperor Constantine of the Roman Empire in 321 AD and further carried on by the little horn of **Daniel 7, the Roman Catholic Church**. However, many Christians refuse to question why the Bible admonishes the Sabbath, yet the Christian world today keeps Sunday. There is no Scriptural evidence that the Sabbath of the Lord has ever been changed to Sunday, not by Father, not by the Prophets, not by the Apostles, not even by Jesus Himself and if we claim and profess to be Christians then we must serve and follow God according to the Scriptures, not according to the doctrines and traditions of man.

In vain do many worship God, teaching for doctrine the commandments of man, friends, we must obey God, rather than man.

Brothers and Sisters, if we studied our Bibles as we should, we would have many questions about certain practices that go on in the Church today that are not Biblical but are just Church tradition. **Let us remember that being a church goer for many years will not save us, only the truth will set us free.** Let us study our Bibles daily, asking God for wisdom and to show us the truth and He will open our eyes. All who will receive the mark of the beast shall receive of the seven last plagues and will be eternally lost. Let us all remember this and seek to get our lives in order, for time is running out and final movements will be rapid ones.

*"If you really fulfil the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself," you do well; but if you show partiality, you commit sin, and are convicted by the law as transgressors. **For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all.** For He who said, "Do not commit adultery," also said, "Do not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery, but you do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. **So, speak and so do as those who will be judged by the law of liberty.**"*

James 2:8-12