

James 4 - Speak Not Evil One of Another Pt.1-2

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James 4:11–12

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12 There is one lawgiver, **WHO IS ABLE TO SAVE AND TO DESTROY: WHO ART THOU THAT JUDGEST ANOTHER?**

"It was an avowed and very general maxim among the rabbins, that 'no one could speak evil of his brother without denying God, and becoming an atheist.'" Adam Clarke

Galatians 5:14–15

14 For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; **THOU SHALT LOVE THY NEIGHBOR AS THYSELF.**

15 **BUT IF YE BITE AND DEVOUR ONE ANOTHER, TAKE HEED THAT YE BE NOT CONSUMED ONE OF ANOTHER.**

Matthew 5:21–24

21 Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment:

22 But I say unto you, That whosoever is **ANGRY WITH HIS BROTHER WITHOUT A CAUSE** shall be in **DANGER OF THE JUDGMENT:** and whosoever shall say to his brother, **RACA** (*empty, good for nothing*), shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou **FOOL** (*stupid, foolish, moron*), shall be in danger of hell fire.

23 Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee;

24 **LEAVE THERE THY GIFT BEFORE THE ALTAR,** and go thy way; **FIRST BE RECONCILED TO THY BROTHER,** and **THEN COME AND OFFER THY GIFT.**

SPEAKING EVIL HAS THE FOLLOWING COMPONENTS:

Leviticus 19:16-18

16 **THOU SHALT NOT GO UP AND DOWN AS A TALEBEARER** (*carry tales, gossip, slander, scandal monger*) **AMONG THE PEOPLE: NEITHER SHALT THOU STAND AGAINST THE BLOOD OF THY BROTHER: I AM THE LORD.**

17 **THOU SHALT NOT HATE THY BROTHER IN THINE HEART: THOU SHALT IN ANY WISE REBUKE THY NEIGHBOR,** and **NOT SUFFER SIN UPON HIM.**

18 **THOU SHALT NOT AVENGE, NOR BEAR ANY GRUDGE** against the children of thy people, but **THOU SHALT LOVE THY NEIGHBOR AS THYSELF: I am the LORD.**

- **“GO UP AND DOWN AS A TALEBEARER”** - *gossip, carrying tales, scandal-monger*

Psalms 85:2-3

2 **THOU HAST FORGIVEN** the iniquity of thy people, **THOU HAST COVERED** all their sin. Selah.

1 Peter 4:8

"And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for **CHARITY SHALL COVER THE MULTITUDE OF SINS.**"

Clarke Commentary - "rachil signifies a trader, a peddler, and is here applied to the person who travels about dealing in scandal...getting the secrets of every person and family, and retailing them wherever he goes. A more despicable character exists not: such a person is a pest to society, and should be exiled from the habitations of men."

- **“STAND AGAINST THE BLOOD OF THY BROTHER”** - *demanding punishment and vengeance, interfering with the course of justice*

Luke 9:52–56

52 And sent messengers before his face: and they went, and entered into a village of the Samaritans, to make ready for him.

53 And they did not receive him, because his face was as though he would go to Jerusalem.

54 And when his disciples James and John saw this, they said, Lord, wilt thou that we command fire to come down from heaven, and consume them, even as Elias did?

55 But he turned, and rebuked them, and said, **YE KNOW NOT WHAT MANNER OF SPIRIT YE ARE OF.**

56 For the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them.

- **“HATE THY BROTHER IN THINE HEART”** - *hiding hatred as a hypocrite*

Proverbs 23:6–7

6 Eat thou not the bread of him that hath an evil eye, Neither desire thou his dainty meats:

7 **FOR AS HE THINKETH IN HIS HEART, SO IS HE:** Eat and drink, saith he to thee; But his heart is not with thee.

- **“THOU SHALT IN ANY WISE REBUKE THY NEIGHBOR”** - *speak directly and honestly*

Matthew 18:15

"Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and **TELL HIM HIS FAULT BETWEEN THEE AND HIM ALONE:** if he shall hear thee, **THOU HAST GAINED THY BROTHER.**"

- **“THOU SHALT NOT AVENGE”** - *taking the matter and resolution into your own hands*

1 Peter 2:21-23

21 For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, **LEAVING US AN EXAMPLE, THAT YE SHOULD FOLLOW HIS STEPS:**

22 Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth:

23 **WHO, WHEN HE WAS REVILED, REVILED NOT AGAIN; WHEN HE SUFFERED, HE THREATENED NOT; BUT COMMITTED HIMSELF TO HIM THAT JUDGEETH RIGHTEOUSLY.**

- **“NOR BEAR ANY GRUDGE”** - *refusing to forgive*

Mark 11:25–26

25 And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.

26 But **IF YE DO NOT FORGIVE, NEITHER WILL YOUR FATHER WHICH IS IN HEAVEN FORGIVE YOUR TRESPASSES.**

- **“LOVE THY NEIGHBOR AS THYSELF”** - *are you treating others as you want to be treated?*

Matthew 7:12

"Therefore **ALL THINGS WHATSOEVER YE WOULD THAT MEN SHOULD DO TO YOU, DO YE EVEN SO TO THEM:** for this is the law and the prophets."

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- ***Your disobedience says the Law, which forbids evil speaking, does not need to be obeyed. You are exalting yourself above the Law and exalting yourself as a judge of others.***
- ***“My perception is the correct judgment.”***
 - *Do you know ALL facts and ALL sides?*
 - *Do you know the background history?*
 - *Do you know the heart motives and inner thoughts?*
 - *Is it a matter of Biblical transgression (not just personal conscience) that needs correcting?*
- ***“I must do something to correct this.”***
 - *“God’s Word and Spirit are not sufficient.”*
 - *“I can’t wait for God or someone else. Nobody else is doing anything.”*
 - *Are you the right person or the right relationship to bring correction?*
 - *Is there any selfish motive hidden in your desire to bring correction?*

JUDGE AS YOU WANT TO BE JUDGED.

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Matthew 7:1-3

1 JUDGE NOT, THAT YE BE NOT JUDGED.

2 FOR WITH WHAT JUDGMENT YE JUDGE, YE SHALL BE JUDGED: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.

3 And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, BUT CONSIDEREST NOT THE BEAM THAT IS IN THINE OWN EYE?

Mark 12:29–31

29 And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord:

30 And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.

31 And the second is like, namely this, THOU SHALT LOVE THY NEIGHBOR AS THYSELF. **THERE IS NONE OTHER COMMANDMENT GREATER THAN THESE.**

Romans 13:9–10

9 For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, THOU SHALT LOVE THY NEIGHBOR AS THYSELF.

10 LOVE WORKETH NO ILL TO HIS NEIGHBOR: THEREFORE LOVE IS THE FULFILLING OF THE LAW.

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James 2:8–9

8 If ye fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, THOU SHALT LOVE THY NEIGHBOR AS THYSELF, ye do well:

9 BUT IF YE HAVE RESPECT TO PERSONS, YE COMMIT SIN, AND ARE CONVINCED OF THE LAW AS TRANSGRESSORS.