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(7) Do not they blaspheme that worthy name by the which ye are called?
 (8) If ye fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself, ye do well:
 (9) But if ye have respect to persons, ye commit sin, and are convinced of the law as transgressors.
 (10) For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one *point*, he is guilty of all.
 (11) For he that said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor of the law.
 (12) So speak ye, and so do, as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty.
 (13) For he shall have judgment without mercy, that hath shewed no mercy; and mercy rejoiceth against judgment.
 (14) What *doth it* profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him?
 (15) If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food,
 (16) And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be *ye* warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what *doth it* profit?
 (17) Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.
 (18) Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.

(7) Do they not blaspheme that worthy Name by which you are called?
 (8) If you fulfill the royal law according to the scripture,
You shall love your neighbor as yourself^a,
 you do well:
 (9) But if you have partiality, you commit sin, and are convicted by the law as sinners.
 (10) Because whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet sins in one *point*, he is guilty of all.
 (11) Because He Who said,
Do not commit adultery, also said,
Do not kill.^b
 Now if you commit no adultery, yet if you kill, you have broken the law.
 (12) So speak, and so do, as those who shall be judged by the law of liberty.
 (13) Because he shall receive judgment without mercy, who has shown no mercy; and mercy rejoices against judgment.
 (14) What *does it* profit, my brothers, though a man say he has faith, but does not have works? can faith save him?
 (15) If a brother or sister is naked, and destitute of daily food,
 (16) And one of you says to them, Depart in peace, be warmed and filled; but you do not give them those things which are needful to the body; what *does it* profit?
 (17) Even so faith, if it does not have works, is dead, by itself.
 (18) Yes, a man may say, You have faith, and I have works: show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

2:8a - Lev. 19:18
 2:11b – ten commandments – Ex. 20:3-17

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(19) Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.
(20) But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?
(21) Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar?
(22) Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect?
(23) And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God.
(24) Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only.
(25) Likewise also was not Rahab the harlot justified by works, when she had received the messengers, and had sent *them* out another way?
(26) For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

Chapter 3

(1) My brethren, be not many masters, knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation.
(2) For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same *is* a perfect man, *and* able also to bridle the whole body.
(3) Behold, we put bits in the horses' mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body.

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(19) You believe that there is one God; you do well: the demons also believe, and tremble.
(20) But will you know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?
(21) Was not Abraham our forefather justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar?
(22) Do you see how faith worked with his works, and by works faith was made perfect?
(23) And the scripture was fulfilled which says, **Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him for righteousness:^b** and he was called the Friend of God.
(24) You see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only.
(25) Likewise also was not Rahab the prostitute justified by works, when she had received the messengers, and had sent *them* out another way^c?
(26) Because as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

Chapter 3

(1) My brothers, do not let many be teachers, knowing that we {teachers} shall receive the greater condemnation.
(2) Because in many things we offend all. If any man does not offend in word, the same *is* a perfect man, *and* able also to bridle the whole body.
(3) Indeed, we put bits in the horses' mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body.

2:23b - Gen. 15:6
2:25c - Josh. 2