



Main point - God is working to make us people who keep the Royal Law (love your neighbor as yourself)

1 - Faith denied

2 - Faith confirmed

#1 :

“We experience the beauty of God’s holiness as the glory of God. As God’s holiness becomes expressive – creating and penetrating the world – we call it the “glory of God.” His glory is the streaming out of his holiness for the world to see and admire... (God’s glory is) that which makes God impressive to man.”

John Piper

Reading the Bible Supernaturally: Seeing and Savoring the Glory of God in Scripture

#2 :

“In the ancient world, as is still to an appalling degree the case in the modern world, the application of justice in the civil and criminal courts quite often was a function of the economic resources and social status of the litigants. But Judaism, and Christianity with it, insisted that God gave real justice; he cannot be bribed, and his judgments are based not a whit on whether the person in the dock is king or pauper, movie star or farmhand. Thus, equity is also required of human judges, and inequity is roundly condemned in the OT (e.g., Lev. 19:15). James points out that discriminatory seating is of a piece with the perversion of justice that all too frequently occurs in secular courts, and thus it is an implicit denial of faith in the God who shows no partiality.”

Dan McCartney

James: Baker Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament

#3 :

Deut. 7:7

It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, 8 but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

#4 :

1Cor. 1:26

For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. 27 But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; 28 God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, 29 so that no human being might boast in the presence of God.

#5 :

Prov. 17:5

Whoever mocks the poor insults his Maker;
he who is glad at calamity will not go unpunished.