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God, whether we  
feel like it or not.**



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*are the*

*Merciful*

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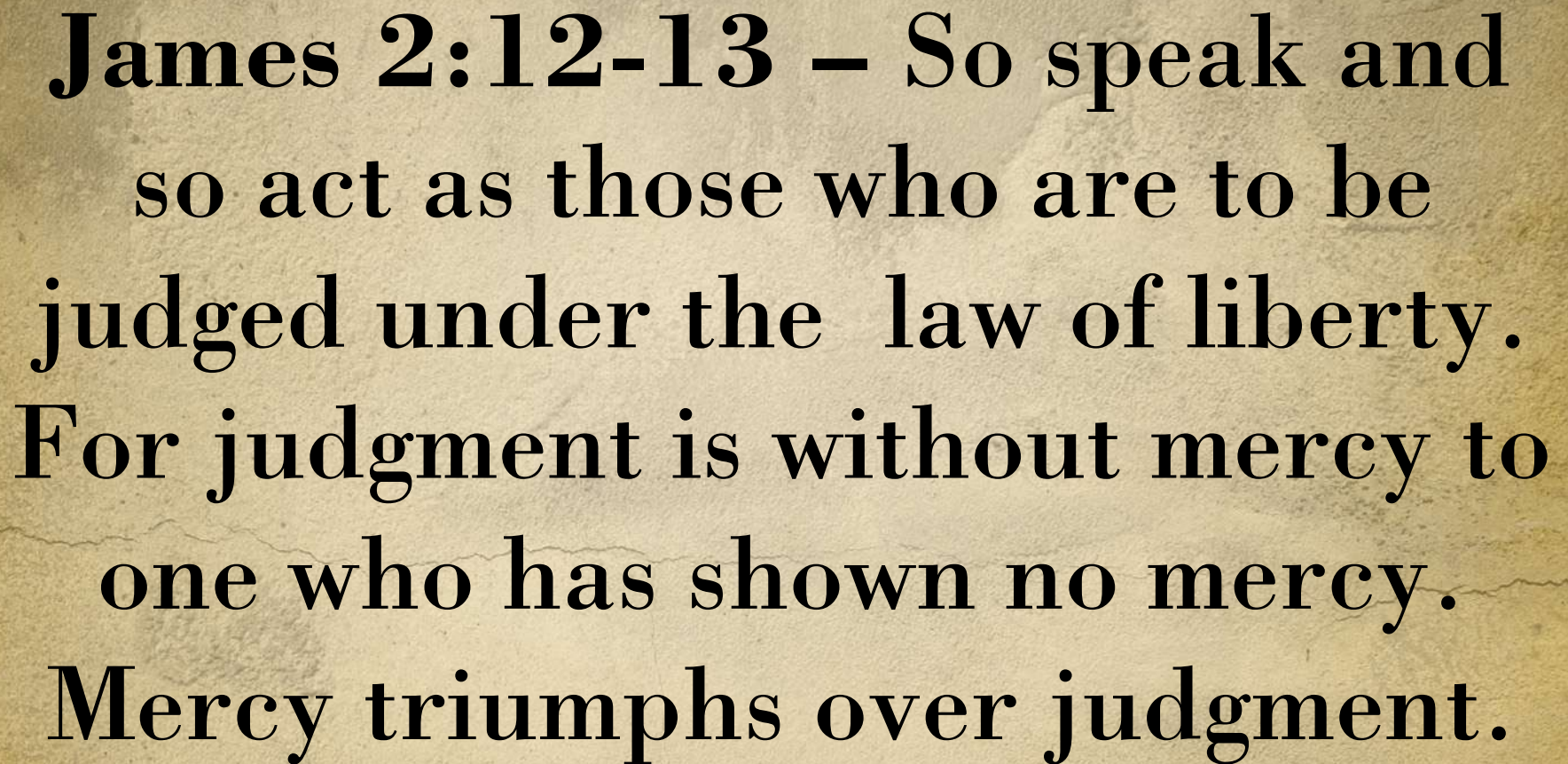
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**Matthew 12:7 – “And if you had known what this means, ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice,’ you would not have condemned the guiltless.”**





**James 2:12-13 – So speak and  
so act as those who are to be  
judged under the law of liberty.  
For judgment is without mercy to  
one who has shown no mercy.  
Mercy triumphs over judgment.**



*Blessed*  
*are the*  
*Pure in Heart*

*Matthew 5:8*



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**Matthew 15:11 – It is not what goes into a mouth that defiles a person, but what comes out of the mouth; this defiles a person...18 But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this defiles a person.**


**Matthew 23:27-28** – Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs, which outwardly appear beautiful, but within are full of dead people's bones and all uncleanness. So you also outwardly appear righteous to others, but within you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.

**Psalm 24:3-5 – Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully. He will receive blessing from the Lord and righteousness from the God of his salvation.**



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*Peacemakers*

*Matthew 5:9*




**Psalm 34:14** – Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.

**Romans 12:18** – If possible, as far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

**Romans 14:19** – So then let us pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding.

**Hebrews 12:14** – Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord.





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*Matthew 5:10*



**“Discipleship means allegiance to the suffering Christ, and it is therefore not at all surprising that Christians should be called upon to suffer. In fact, it is a joy and a token of his grace.”**

**– Dietrich Bonhoeffer**



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*Matthew 5:10*

**Acts 5:41-42** – 41 Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. 42 And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.



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