

Rich and Poor in James

The Poor

- the lowly (1:9)
- orphans and widows (1:27)
- persons dressed in dirty clothes or naked (2:2, 15)
- those who lack daily food (2:15)
- day laborers defrauded of wages (5:4)
- dishonored by those who show partiality (2:3–4, 6, 9)
- will be raised up (1:9)
- focus of concern for pure and undefiled religion (1:27)
- bodily needs will be met by believers whose faith is not dead (2:14–17)
- chosen by God to be rich in faith (2:5)
- heirs of the kingdom promised to those who love God (2:5)
- cries have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts (5:4)

The Rich

- persons with gold rings and fine clothes (2:2)
- receive preferred treatment even in the church (2:3)

- live in luxury and pleasure (5:5)
- plan for a year how to do business and make money (4:13)
- oppress others and drag them into court (2:6)
- blaspheme the name of Christ (2:7)
- defraud workers of fair wages (5:4)
- condemn and murder the righteous, who do not resist (5:6)
- will disappear like a flower in the field (1:10)
- a mist that appears for a while and then vanishes (4:14)
- should boast in being brought low (1:10)
- should weep and wail for the miseries coming to them (5:1)
- riches will rot and clothes will be moth-eaten (5:2)
- gold and silver will rust and eat their flesh like fire (5:3)
- have fattened their hearts in a day of slaughter (5:5)