

James 2:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

Do not they blaspheme that worthy name by the which ye are called? These powerful people blaspheme (blasphēmeousin, βλασφημοῦσιν) the worthy name by which believers are called. To show them favoritism is to honor blasphemers of Christ's name. James ties social partiality to theological compromise.

Reformed believers treasure the name of Christ; honoring those who mock Him reveals misplaced fear. The royal law demands loyalty to Jesus above all alliances.

Historical Context

Persecutors dragged Christians before authorities, pressuring them to deny Christ. Some wealthy Jews or Romans slandered the name of Jesus. James warns diaspora congregations not to court favor with those who publicly revile their Lord, similar to Paul's warning about unequal yokes.

Related Passages

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. Where might you be tempted to honor those who blaspheme Christ's name?
2. How can you maintain gospel courage while engaging influential people?
3. What practices keep Christ's name central in your decisions?

Interlinear Text

οὐκ αὐτοὶ βλασφημοῦσιν τὸ καλὸν ὄνομα τὸ
not G846 **Do** G3588 **that worthy** G2570 **name** G3588
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ἐπικληθὲν ἐφ' ὑμᾶς
are called G1941 **by** G1909 **the which ye** G5209

Additional Cross-References

Acts 11:26 (Parallel theme): And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.

Psalms 111:9 (Parallel theme): He sent redemption unto his people: he hath commanded his covenant for ever: holy and reverend is his name.

Matthew 1:23 (Parallel theme): Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

1 Timothy 1:13 (Parallel theme): Who was before a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious: but I obtained mercy, because I did it ignorantly in unbelief.