take time **2 November** **James 2:1-13** read

http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=James%202:1-13&version=NKJV

## Love towards the neighbour

study

Believers know the Lord of glory. This must have an influence on their behaviour towards others (v1).
Man often has different benchmarks than God. Riches, social standing etc take a high place with people (vv2-4). God on the other hand places special value on your heart. Read 1 Samuel 16:7.
How do you judge others? Many people who don't count for anything in this world, are chosen by God to be rich in faith (v5). Their characteristics are love towards God (v5) and love towards their neighbour without partiality (vv8-9). These things belong together. Love towards others is practically visible through mercy (v13).

ans-wer

7. What does God think about preferring those who are rich?
8. Which piece of furniture is mentioned in today's text?

in-form

So many laws?
1. The royal law (v8): The Lord Jesus will one day come in glory onto the earth to establish the kingdom of God. One charactertistic feature of this kingdom is love. It should characterise Christians already today.
2. The law of Sinai (vv9-11): If you transgress one commandment you have transgressed the whole law. No man can fulfill it; only the Lord Jesus could do this.
3. The law of liberty (v12): Believers possess a nature which joyfully does what God wants. To be told to do something that you actually want to do – that is true liberty.

think

**Do you already know God's mercy? If so, show it also towards others.**

note down

7. God says that such behaviour is evil (v4).
8. A footstool (v3).