

James 4:11-12

Legalistic Hearts & Sinful Speech**Intro:** The pastor's love for the book of Job

- **The book of Job:** Provides us with such a wonderful testimony to the sovereignty of God.
- **The great man of God known as Job:** Provides us with such a wonderful testimony of what it is to trust God in the midst of severe trials.
- **The book of Job:** Provides us with an ongoing testimony to what sinful, judgmental speech looks like.

Christians must rid themselves of sinful, _____ speech against their fellow _____ when they don't measure up to man-made standards of _____.

- **Our passage:** Another reminder that James puts quite an emphasis upon sinful speech.
- **When one judges the Law:** One is also judging the Giver of the Law.
- **The two ditches to stay out of on the ancient path of sacred Scripture:** Antinomianism and legalism.

- **William Gurnall:** 'The holiness which is the product of our own heart is not the holiness that is after God's heart.'
- **The idea that God's law and His commands are insufficient:** Absolutely blasphemous.
- **The Law of God for the believer:** Still functions as a rule for right living.
- **What James is not saying:** That believers can't call sin 'sin.'
- **Our consciences:** Should be captive to the word of God.
- **The switch from 'brother' to 'neighbor':** Likely shows that James was writing with the second greatest commandment in mind.
- **A crucial distinction to keep in mind:** The distinction between law-keeping and legalism.

Personal Application: