

#2 Mercy and Love to the Oppressed

James 1:26-2:8

Remember our flowing mountain stream?

- The things of God
- Culture
- Politics (and much more)

1. Christianity cares that Christians extend **MERCY** and **LOVE** to the oppressed.

“Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction...” 1:27

2. The poor are favored by God in ways we do not see.
They should also be **FAVORED BY US**.

Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? 2:5

3. Three Questions To Ponder:
 - Is this really true **OF GOD**?
 - Is this really true **OF US**?
 - Is this really true **OF YOU**?