

Q 1.

Explain Matthew 22:40's "hang all the law..." as it relates to the passage quoted by James in 2:8.

Q 2. James 2:8 fulfilling [τελεῖτε] Greek telos

Look at some uses of this word as a present tense verb (as it is used here) and other uses too. Some passages to consider are Romans 10:4, Matthew 5:48, John 17:4, Romans 12:2, Galatians 5:16, Hebrews 2:10, and Hebrews 5:14. Find some on your own and check out their usage.

The verb is Present tense, not past or aorist. What does this imply for the believers hearing this letter as it relates to the Torah at that time?

Q 3. James 2:8

If, however, you are continually fulfilling [τελεῖτε] the law of the Kingdom "according to the scripture" (Lev. 19:18)...

"According to the scripture" Deissmann in *Neue Bibelstudien*.

On a papyrus, belonging to the first century, that phrase is used in a legal sense in reference to a contract. p78 (see more on him at the end of this work)

If its use in this papyrus is reflected in James 2:8, expound on the implications from the standpoint of the covenant relationship implied in the text.

Q 4. καλῶς good or well

"Man cannot be good unless he strives to be holy."

Abraham Heschel, *Man's Quest for God*, p. 95.

Would God like to see us strive to exhibit His holiness before our enemies? Does walking through the valley of the shadow of death imply looking for a way to escape?

*"Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your **good works**, and glorify your Father who is in heaven."* Matthew 5:16 NASB

Does "good works" mean acting with benevolence toward someone else, or picking up litter on the street, or putting extra into the offering, or giving someone a comforting hug? It would if Yeshua was speaking English as it applies in our current cultural understanding. But what if Yeshua was speaking Hebrew in the first century in a cultural setting of the ancient near east and if he was speaking to those who were being disciplined in the original understanding of the Torah.

Replace "good works" in Matthew 5:16 with "hesed" and then tell me what that looks like.

Follow that by placing "hesed" back into James 2:8. Does it fit?

Is "hesed" the way the world recognizes those who belong to the Most High?

Q 5.

Setting: First century synagogue meeting

Action: A rich man was given a more honorable place to sit than a poor man.

James reaction: He calls this partiality evil.

After reviewing Galatians 3:26-29 [28] and Acts 2:16-18 [17], construct Peter's state of mind in

(1) Acts 10: 1-28 [28]

(2) Galatians 2:11-13 [12]

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Bonus Question

Reference: Romans 9:13, quoting Malachi 1:1-4

Explain why God does not violate His own commandment concerning partiality in the case of the brothers.

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Deissmann was arguably the most influential German professor of New Testament between the two World Wars, a contributor of seminal importance to the contextualizing of the social world of early Christianity and a contributor of the linguistic matrix of the LXX and New Testament. One major facet of Deissmann's adult career and interests may be identified as the social context of primitive Christianity. *Bibelstudien* and *Neue Bibelstudien* were trailblazers for their quarrying of inscriptions to illuminate features of the Greek of the LXX in relation to the Greek NT.