*James 4:11-12,* Who Do You Think You Are?

 Intro:

A. Restriction of Critical Speech, *Jas.4:11a*

 1. The Command – *Stop Slandering*

 a. CHARACTERISTICS

 (1)

 (2)

 (3)

 b. EXAMPLES

 (1)

 (2)

 (3)

 (4)

 (5)

 2. Family Tone – *Brethren*

 B. Reason for Prohibition, *Jas.4:11b-12a*

 1. Breaks Royal Law*, (James 4:11b)*

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 2. Infringes Upon God’s Prerogative*, (James 4:12a)*

 C. Rebuke of Critical Speech, *Jas.4:12b*

 1. The Question – *Who do you think you are?*

1. DON’T PRESUME TO PLAY GOD

 b. YOU DON’T HAVE ENOUGH DATA

 2. The Implication – *The Judgment is future!*