

The Sin of Partiality

James 2:1-13



GOD'S IMPARTIALITY

- **Deuteronomy 10:17** - 17 For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who is not partial and takes no bribe.
- **Acts 10:34-35** - 34 So Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, 35 but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.

SHOW NO PARTIALITY

- **James 2:1** - My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory.

THE LORD SEES NOT AS A MAN SEES

- **1 Samuel 16:6-7** - 6 When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is before him." 7 But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart."

GOLD RING VS SHABBY CLOTHES

- **James 2:2-4** - 2 For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, 3 and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "You sit here in a good place," while you say to the poor man, "You stand over there," or, "Sit down at my feet," 4 have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?

WHERE IS THE GOSPEL GROWING?

- **James 2:5** - 5 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?

UNITY IN THE BODY OF CHRIST

- **Ephesians 4:4-6** - 4 There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.
- **Romans 12:4-5** - 4 For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, 5 so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR – WITHOUT PARTIALITY

- **James 2:8-9** - 8 If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing well. 9 But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors.

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- **Leviticus 19:34** - The foreigner residing among you must be treated as your native-born. Love them as yourself, for you were foreigners in Egypt. I am the LORD your God. (NIV)

MERCY TRIUMPHS OVER JUDGEMENT

- **James 2:12-13** - 12 So speak and so act as those who are to be judged under the law of liberty. 13 For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

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- **Matthew 6:14-15** - 14 For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, 15 but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

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