

PARTIALITY IS A SIN

James 2:1-13

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God doesn't play favorites with people and neither should I

LET'S GET STARTED

Showing partiality toward others—whether individuals or groups—is sharply condemned in Scripture. Why is favoritism so hated by God? In this message James answers that question and calls Christ's followers to a higher ethical standard.

GOD DOESN'T PLAY FAVORITES

Deuteronomy 10:17—"For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality and accepts no bribes."

2 Chronicles 19:7—"Now let the fear of the LORD be upon you. Judge carefully, for with the LORD our God there is no injustice or partiality or bribery."

Acts 10:34—³⁴ Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism"

Romans 2:11—¹¹ For God does not show favoritism.

Ephesians 6:9—⁹ And masters, treat your slaves in the same way. Do not threaten them, since you know that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no favoritism with him.

Colossians 3:25—²⁵ Anyone who does wrong will be repaid for his wrong, and there is no favoritism.

PARTIALITY IN ANY DIRECTION IS FORBIDDEN

Leviticus 19:15—"Do not pervert justice; do not show partiality to the poor or favoritism to the great, but judge your neighbor fairly."

Quotable

Prejudice is inconsistent with God's method. God doesn't look at the face and say, "I receive you" or "I don't want you." That's partiality. He looks at the heart.

—Charles Swindoll

To dishonor the poor is to dishonor those whom God honors, and so to invert the order of God.

—John Calvin

If you would like to know more

The Peril of Partiality: Riches and Race In the Christian Church, by John Piper
<https://www.desiringgod.org/messages/the-peril-of-partiality>

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LET'S HEAR THE WORD

James' Prohibition Against Partiality

- Partiality clashes with my _____ as a follower of Jesus (v. 1).

Ephesians 5:8-11—⁸ For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light ⁹ (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) ¹⁰ and find out what pleases the Lord. ¹¹ Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them.

- Partiality casts me in the role of _____ (vv. 2-4).

Deuteronomy 1:17—"Do not show partiality in judging; hear both small and great alike. Do not be afraid of any man, for judgment belongs to God."

- Partiality conflicts with God's _____ and values (vv. 5-7).

Ephesians 5:1—Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children.

- Partiality is sin (vv. 8-13).

LET'S LIVE IT

We can put today's truth into practice by resolving to view and treat everyone with love and impartiality, by God's grace.

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