

February 12, 2023
James 2:1-13

FAITH AND FAVORITISM

I. Introduction:

II. Unpacking The Passage:

A. The Principle _____

"My brothers, as believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ, don't show **favoritism**." James 2:1

Definition of Favoritism:

Areas of Discrimination:

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B. The Problem:

1. Favoritism is _____ (Vs. 1)

"For God does not show favoritism" Romans 2:11

Acts 10:34; Ephesians 6:9, Colossians 3:25

"Accept one another as Christ has accepted you."
Romans 15:7

2. Favoritism is _____ (Vs. 5-7)

James asks 3 Questions:

Is it not the rich who are exploiting you?

Are they not the ones who are dragging you into court?

[7] Are they not the ones who are slandering the noble name of him to whom you belong?

3. **Favoritism is** _____ (Vs. 8-9)

“...when a young lawyer asked, “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?”(37) Jesus said to him, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ (38) This is the first and great commandment. (39) And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ (40) On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.” Matthew 22:36-40

“Love your neighbor as yourself” Galatians 5:14

"If a man says he loves God and hates his brother he's lying. How can you love God whom you haven't seen if you don't love your brother whom you have seen?" I John 4:20

C. **The Prescription:** _____

[12] **Speak** and **act** as those who are going to be judged by the law that gives freedom, [13] because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. **Mercy** triumphs over **judgment!**" James 2:12-13

Remember:

We will be judged by our _____.

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III. Conclusion and Application: