

REAL FAITH FOR THE REAL WORLD

The Book of James

PART 8

NO PLACE FOR PARTIALITY

The Way of Faith in the Kingdom of Our Glorious Christ

(James 2:1-13)

INTRODUCTION:

● PREVIOUSLY: REAL FAITH - THE CLOSE OF THE INTRODUCTION (1:26-27)

● Two Dangers – The Lack of Real Faith.

1. The Danger of Deception. (V. 26)
2. The Danger of Defilement. (V. 27)

● Three Dimensions – The Life of Real Faith.

1. As it relates to self, genuine faith is evidenced by self-control. (V. 26)
2. As it relates to the community, genuine faith is evidenced by selfless care. (V. 27a)
3. As it relates to the world, genuine faith is evidenced by spotless character. (V. 27b)

1A. THE _____ : (v. 1)

“My brethren, do not hold your faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ with an attitude of personal favoritism.”

- The _____ of Favoritism: “Partiality or favoritism is the unfair _____ toward and preferential _____ of one as _____ to another.”
- The way of _____ is incompatible with the way of _____ that is to characterize Christ’s _____ kingdom.

2A. THE _____ : (v. 2-4)

“For if a man comes into your assembly with a gold ring and dressed in fine clothes, and there also comes in a poor man in dirty clothes,³ and you pay special attention to the one who is wearing the fine clothes, and say, ‘You sit here in a good place,’ and you say to the poor man, ‘You stand over there, or sit down by my footstool,’⁴ have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil motives?”

- The _____ of Favoritism: What was _____ and what it _____.

3A. THE _____ : (v. 5-7)

“Listen, my beloved brethren: did not God choose the poor of this world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to those who love Him? ⁶ But you have dishonored the poor man. Is it not the rich who oppress you and personally drag you into court? ⁷ Do they not blaspheme the fair name by which you have been called?”

- The _____ : In practicing partiality, you have _____ the very ones whom God has _____.

The Poor

The Rich

- _____
- _____
- _____

4A. THE _____ : (v. 8-11)

“If, however, you are fulfilling 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. ¹⁰ For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles in one point, he has become guilty of all. ¹¹ For He who said, ‘DO NOT COMMIT ADULTERY,’ also said, ‘DO NOT COMMIT MURDER.’ Now if you do not commit adultery, but do commit murder, you have become a transgressor of the law.”

- The _____ : Favoritism is not only _____, it is _____. For it runs counter to the supreme kingdom _____ of _____.

5A. THE _____ : (v. 12-13)

“So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. ¹³ For judgment will be merciless to one who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.”

- The _____ : We are to live by _____ as those who are _____ of the coming kingdom—the _____ kingdom of Jesus Christ,— which is marked by _____, _____ & _____.

CONCLUSION: