

## Minding the Economic Gap

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The rich and poor have this in common:  
The LORD made them both.  
*Proverbs 22:2*

<sup>9</sup>Believers who are poor have something to boast about, for God has honored them. <sup>10</sup>And those who are rich should boast that God has humbled them. They will fade away like a little flower in the field.<sup>11</sup> The hot sun rises and the grass withers; the little flower droops and falls, and its beauty fades away. In the same way, the rich will fade away with all of their achievements. <sup>12</sup>God blesses those who patiently endure testing and temptation. Afterward they will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him.

*- James 1:9-12 (NLT)*

If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, <sup>2</sup>then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. <sup>3</sup>Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. <sup>4</sup>Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.

*- Philippians 2:1-4*

## Common Dust

And who shall separate the dust  
What later we shall be:  
Whose keen discerning eye will scan  
And solve the mystery?

The high, the low, the rich, the poor,  
The black, the white, the red,  
And all the chromatique between,  
Of whom shall it be said:

Here lies the dust of Africa;  
Here are the sons of Rome;  
Here lies the one unlabeled,  
The world at large his home!

Can one then separate the dust?  
Will mankind lie apart,  
When life has settled back again  
The same as from the start?

*- Georgia Douglas Johnson*

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You are not a nation, an ideology, or a party platform.  
You, brothers and sisters in Christ are the “other”.  
A kingdom people.  
Made new by the blood of the Lamb.  
Go forth to love and serve this broken place,  
Your hearts fixed upon the mission.  
Endless love, and the restoration of all things.  
From what we know, to what we have yet to discover.  
The places from which we’ve come,  
to where we have been vitally called.  
From comfort into blessed peril.  
From certainty, into joyful obedience.  
Jesus said ‘follow me’, without saying where he was going.  
So we follow in faith, the destination veiled, but  
knowing that the road ahead will transform us.  
*- Benediction from Ecclesia Houston*