

James: A Faith That Walks – Is WOKE Biblical? (Ja2:1-13)

1. The Test – Do You Show _____ Towards Certain People? (Ja2:1-13)

A. Personal Favoritism is _____ all others; not social justice/injustice towards a person/group
***Ja2:3,4** – each made distinctions, judge w/ evil motives; (*vs.9-11*) it is hate/murder; **1Jn3:15**

B. What character qualities do you think of God? _____

1. Race, social status, wealth, politics, clothes, education, etc. mean _____ to God!

2. **2Chron19:7; Deut10:17; Acts10:35; Rom2:9-11; Eph6:9**

3. God looks at the heart, *not* outward appearances! **1Sam16:7; Ja4:6; Jer17:9; 1Pe1:16-17**

4. *All LIVES MATTER to GOD!!!* ***Rev5:9-10; Rev7:9; John3:16-17**

C. Do you love all people, no matter race, wealth, social status, political affiliation, education???

***1Jn3:15-18; 1Jn4:10-11; ***Jesus did, and His enemies saw it! *Matt22:16**

2. The Principle – True Believers do Not _____ Hate/Favoritism (Ja2:1)

A. James 2:1 – the Greek reading

1. “My brethren” this starts a new topic to stress forceful exhortation, on impartiality/favoritism

2. “With respect of persons/partiality” – judge by face, appearance

3. “Do not hold to the Christian faith, and then practice partiality” *Gk. emphatic

4. “glorious” or the glory – is God’s shekinah glory, presence of God – you cannot hold to the glory of God – Jesus, and be partial towards certain groups people

B. Partiality towards certain people for any reason is anti-Christ and _____ the gospel!

1. Jesus’ Ex: *woman at well (adulterer, Samaritan, woman); *woman caught in adultery

2. Who were most drawn to Jesus? _____ – **1Cor1:26-31; Acts4:13; Ja2:5**

3. He also saved the wealthy...Nicodemus, Cornelius, Ethiopian Eunuch, Lydia etc. **Jn6:37-40**

3. The Example – 2 Men Enter the _____ of God’s People (Ja2:2-4)

A. The rich man; Gk. gold-fingered man; he had many gold rings

*fine clothes – bright shining, loud colors, sparkling

B. The poor man; Gk. beggar; one-robed man, lowest level of social construct; stunk always wearing same clothes

C. The _____: vs.3,4 – “you pay special attention to the one who is wearing the fine clothes”

1. Gave rich man place of honor, and poor man a place of shame, by my feet

2. Is it a sin to be rich? _____ Is it a sin to be poor? _____

3. made distinctions, discrimination, favoritism, and judges w/ evil vicious intent to anyone!

*Again, notice vs.9-11; this is _____ in God’s sight, NOT social injustice!!!

D. The KEY: A soul is of _____ worth – Christ died for us! _____!!!

1. **Ex.** Kelvin in Times Square – homeless, w/ AIDS = God saved him!

2. **Romans15:5-7** *How did Christ accept us? _____

3. **James2:5**... Mozambique believers vs. American Christians...Prayer meeting!