

Text: James 2:1-13

Paradise Valley Community Church

Topic: Favoritism

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Series: James

## Title: A Better Way: Mercy

### Introduction

James 2:1-13 gives us 6 reasons to forsake favoritism in the church.

Because it is...

I. \_\_\_\_\_ to God's Character (v.1)

II. \_\_\_\_\_ by Evil Desires (v.2-4)

III. \_\_\_\_\_ to God's Saving Work (v.5-6a)

IV. \_\_\_\_\_ in Practice (v.6b-7)

V. \_\_\_\_\_ to Love Others (v.8-11)

VI. \_\_\_\_\_ to be Judged (v.12-13)

### Conclusion

## APPLICATION QUESTIONS

These questions are provided for further study and application of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers will help drive home the point of today's message. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others.

1. The evil motive behind favoritism is what? After listening to the sermon, how have you been tempted to play favorites based on what they gave you or what they might give you?
2. How does the practice of favoritism blind a person from God's saving work? How does going deeper into the gospel help remove blinders?
3. A person cannot love God and others and practice favoritism at the same time. How is love in contrast to favoritism?
4. Now that you have heard the sermon and worked through the above questions, are there any sins you need to confess? Are there any practices you need to stop? Are there any thoughts you need to renew? What thinking, motives, and actions need to replace your old ones? Spend time writing this out and talking to the Lord.

### Recommended Resources

Adams, Jay E. *A Thirst for Wholeness: How to Gain Wisdom from the Book of James*. Woodruff, SC: Timeless Texts, 1988.

\*\*Motives: Why Do I Do the Things I Do? by Edward Welch\*\*

\*\* Pick Up this resource for free at the Resource Corner\*\*