



James

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What is favoritism? - the practice of giving unfair preferential treatment to one person or group at the expense of another.

James 2:1-4

*“My brothers and sisters, **believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ must not show favoritism.** Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in filthy old clothes also comes in. If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, “Here’s a good seat for you,” but say to the poor man, “You stand there” or “Sit on the floor by my feet,” have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?”*

James 2:5-6

*“Listen, my dear brothers and sisters: **Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him?** But you have dishonored the poor (broken, different, elderly, young, etc.).”*

James 2:8

*“If you really keep the **ROYAL LAW** found in Scripture, “Love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing right.”*

Leviticus 19:18

“Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against anyone among your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the Lord.”

Mark 12:30-31

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.”

Matthew 22:36-40

“Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?” Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

James 2:12-13

*“Speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the **LAW (Royal LAW) that gives freedom**, because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment.”*

James 2:14-17

“What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,” but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.”

James 1:22

“Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.”

1 Corinthians 9:19-23

*“Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. To the Jews I became like a Jew... to the gentiles... to the weak... **I have become all things to ALL people so that by all possible means I might save some.** I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.”*