

**THE FOLLY OF FAVORITISM**  
**James: A Faith That Works - Part 4**  
**James 2:1-13**

**WHAT IS FAVORITISM? (VS 1-4)**

**WHY IS IT SUCH A BIG DEAL?**

1. IT \_\_\_\_\_ THE CHARACTER OF CHRIST

*"How can you claim to have faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ if you favor some people over others."*  
James 2:1 (NLT)

*"I see very clearly that God shows no favoritism. In every nation he accepts those who fear him and do what is right."* Acts 10:34 (NLT)

2. IT \_\_\_\_\_ THE HUMBLE BELIEVER WHOM GOD HAS CHOSEN

*"Listen to me, dear brothers and sisters. Hasn't God chosen the poor in this world to be rich in faith? Aren't they the ones who will inherit the Kingdom he promised to those who love him? But you dishonor the poor! Isn't it the rich who oppress you and drag you into court? Aren't they the ones who slander Jesus Christ, whose noble name you bear?"* James 2:5-7 (NLT)

*"His mighty arm had done tremendous things! He has scattered the proud and haughty ones. He has brought down princes from their thrones and exalted the humble."* Luke 1:51-52 (NLT)

3. IT \_\_\_\_\_ THE COMMANDMENT TO LOVE MY NEIGHBOR AS MYSELF

*"Yes indeed, it is good when you obey the royal law as found in the Scriptures: "Love your neighbor as yourself." But if you favor some people over others, you are committing a sin. You are guilty of breaking the law. For the person who keeps all of the laws except one is as guilty as a person who has broken all of God's laws. For the same God who said, "You must not commit adultery," also said, "You must not murder." So if you murder someone but do not commit adultery, you have still broken the law."* James 2:8-11 (NLT)

*"I hate all your show and pretense—the hypocrisy of your religious festivals and solemn assemblies. I will not accept your burnt offerings and grain offerings. I won't even notice all your choice peace offerings. Away with your noisy hymns of praise. I will not listen to the music of your harps. Instead, I want to see a mighty flood of justice, an endless river of righteous living."* Amos 5:21-24 (NLT)

**WHAT SHOULD I DO?**

\_\_\_\_\_ **I WILL STAND BEFORE THE JUDGEMENT SEAT OF CHRIST**

*"So whatever you say or whatever you do, remember that you will be judged by the law that sets you free."*  
James 2:12 (NLT)

*"For we must all stand before Christ to be judged. We will each receive whatever we deserve for the good or evil we have done in this earthly body."* 2 Corinthians 5:10

\_\_\_\_\_ **MERCY AS I HAVE RECEIVED IT.**

*"There will be no mercy for those who have not shown mercy to others. But, if you have been merciful, God will be merciful when he judges you."* James 2:13