

Partiality, Faith, and Judgment

James 2:1-13 Series: Living the Faith

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A. It's a matter of _____ (v. 1)

- 1. We are not to make _____ or _____ (v. 2-4)

- 2. The _____ danger of preferring the wealthy over the poor (v. 5-7)

a. God chose and uses those who are _____ by the world's standards (v. 5)

- b. You have _____ the poor man (v. 6a)
- c. How the rich and powerful in the world can be a _____ to the church (v. 6b-7)

B. It's a matter of _____ (v. 8-11)

- 1. Loving your neighbor as yourself _____ the law (v. 8) (cf. Luke 10:27-37, Lev. 19:18)
- 2. Loving your neighbor, while showing partiality, is _____ (v. 9-11)

C. It's a matter of _____ (v. 12-13)

- 1. _____ and _____ to be judged under the law of liberty (v. 12) (cf. 1:25)
- 2. _____ comes without mercy to him who shows none (v. 13a)
- 3. _____ triumphs over judgment (v. 13)

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 - 1. We are not to make **distinctions** or **judgements** (v. 2-4)
 - 2. The **practical** danger of preferring the wealthy over the poor (v. 5-7)
 - a. God chose and uses those who are **poor** by the world's standards (v. 5)
 - b. You have **dishonored** the poor man (v. 6a)
 - c. How the rich and powerful in the world can be a **threat** to the church (v. 6b-7)
- B. It's a matter of **obedience** (v. 8-11)

- 1. Loving your neighbor as yourself **fulfills** the law (v. 8) (cf. Luke 10:27-37, Lev. 19:18)
- 2. Loving your neighbor, while showing partiality, is **sin** (v. 9-11)
- C. It's a matter of **judgment** (v. 12-13)
 - 1. **Words** and **actions** to be judged under the law of liberty (v. 12) (cf. 1:25)
 - 2. **Judgement** comes without mercy to him who shows none (v. 13a)
 - 3. **Mercy** triumphs over judgment (v. 13)