



MESSAGE/SERIES:

Series: *JAMES: "Faith at Work"*

Message: *"Impartial Love"*

DATE: 6/12/22

SCRIPTURE FOR THIS WEEK:

(These verses will help you understand themes within as you read our core text as scripture proves scripture)

James 2:1-13, 1:26-27, Romans 1, Leviticus 19:8-18, Romans 6-8, Luke 10:30-37, Luke 5:32, Acts 10:9-16, Galatians 3:28 (no partiality with God), 1 Corinthians 1:26-27, Matthew 5:3,7-8, Luke 7:31-50, 1 Peter 2:9, Matthew 18:23-35 (forgiveness requires forgiveness)

2 My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory.

² For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, ³ *and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "You sit here in a good place," while you say to the poor man, "You stand over there," or, "Sit down at my feet,"*

⁴ have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become **judges with evil thoughts?**

⁵ Listen, my beloved brothers, has not **God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom**, which he has promised to those who love him? ⁶ But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? ⁷ Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called?

⁸ If you really **fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself,"** you are doing well. ⁹ But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors.

¹⁰ For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it. ¹¹ For he who said, "Do not commit adultery," also said, "Do not murder." If you do not commit adultery but do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law.

¹² So speak and so act as those who are to be judged under the law of liberty. ¹³ For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy. **Mercy triumphs over judgment.**



OUTLINE:

Central Theme: Do not Deny Faith in Our Lord Jesus Christ through the Sin of Partiality

- I. **BY Putting OUR EXTERNAL ASSESSMENTS before GOD'S WAYS** (v1-3a)
 - a. *Matthew 5:3* "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."
- II. **BY Putting OUR IMMEDIATE DESIRES before GOD'S ETERNAL KINGDOM** (v3b-4)
 - a. *Matthew 5:8* "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."
- III. **BY Putting OUR SUBJECTIVE JUDGMENT before GOD'S SOVEREIGN GRACE & MERCY**(v5-7) (v8-13)
 - a. *Matthew 5:7* "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy."

APPLICATION:

- I. **Application Questions: Forgetting God's Ways?**
 - Have I treated people differently within the church family based on appearance, social standing, race, sex, or other worldly standings?
 - Have you forgotten God chose the weak and the lowly?

= For God to bless you and use you, you **must repent of your prejudices**, and commit to be used of God to **share the Good News of Jesus with everyone**
- II. **Application Questions: Making it about what I can gain?**
 - Has my treatment of other been fueled by what I can gain by my relationships?
 - Have I forgotten I belong to the Lord and that I am no longer building a kingdom of my own?

= For God to bless you and use you, you must repent of your actions, and commit to treating others with kindness for Jesus' sake
- III. **Application Questions: Forgetting I am forgiven?**
 - Have my actions shown that I judge people and refuse to show them kindness or compassion?
 - Has my treatment of other revealed that I have made little of the grace and mercy God has shown me?

= For God to show you mercy, you must repent and turn to the Lord as your personal Lord and savior and serve Him out a heart that understands the grace and mercy of God on an undeserving sinner that you are.