

EVIL FAVORITISM #2
JAMES 2:5-13
November 9, 2008 Sunday Morning

INTRODUCTION:

Being a respecter of persons is in total conflict with our salvation, our God, and the Scriptures because there is no partiality with God.

1. THE IMPARTIALITY OF GOD

Evil favoritism is inconsistent with the faith of Jesus Christ, incompatible with the glory of Jesus Christ, and, therefore, not inconsequential to the believer in Christ.

2. THE GRACE OF GOD

a. Evil favoritism is in conflict with the election of God.

Chosen=election

- God poured out His saving grace upon His elect.

God has elected or chosen the economically poor of this world to be saved more than the rich and mighty . All power, riches, and influence mean nothing to God. It gains no favor with God.

- God promised His saving grace to poor people who love Him.

Rich in faith=one who is rich because of his faith in Jesus Christ

Heirs of the kingdom=those who have inherited eternal life

Rom.10:12,13; Eph.1:3; Acts 10:34, 35; Eph.6:5-9

- God rebukes those who do not practice His saving grace.

Despised=dishonor

When a believer despises the poor , it reveals the opposite character of saving grace. As far as God is concerned, no one is a non-entity. All people are important to God.

b. Evil favoritism is an incentive with the rich.

- The rich oppress the believer.

Oppress=to rule as a tyrant

- The rich also sue the believer.

Judgment Seat=civil court system

- The rich blaspheme the Lord.

Blaspheme=to speak abusively against someone

3. THE WORD OF GOD

Evil favoritism is insensitive to Scriptures.

The Royal Law=the supreme, sovereign Word in all authority

Why is it the Royal Law? Because God gave it, and, therefore, it is supreme, sovereign, and absolutely binding in all authority in heaven and upon mankind.

God's laws are all together in one package; if you break any part of the package, the whole package falls apart.

4. THE JUDGMENT OF GOD

Evil favoritism will be included in God's judgment against all people.

The Law of Liberty=the law of Christ, the Gospel

Matt.12:35-37; Col.3:22-25