

Don't Play Favorites

James 2:1-9

(series #10)

Introduction: the seriousness of partiality

- 2nd Chronicles 19:7
- Malachi 2:9
- 1st Peter 1:17
- Deuteronomy 10:17
- Matthew 22:16
- Acts 10:34
- Proverbs 24:13; 28:21

I. The Prohibition of Favoritism v. 1

- A. The recipients of the letter (1:1)
- B. The difficulty of their situation
- C. The contradiction for Christians
 - 1. Jesus was not partial
 - 2. The Lord saved us - 1st Cor. 1:26

II. The Illustration of Favoritism vv. 2-3

- A. A rich and poor man attend the assembly
- B. Preference is given to the rich

III. The Condemnation of Favoritism vv. 4-9

- A. Judges with evil thoughts v. 4
- B. God has chosen the poor v. 5
- C. The rich oppress you v. 6
- D. The rich blaspheme Jesus v. 7
- E. The royal law is love v. 8
- F. Partiality is sin v. 9

Conclusion: Do you show favoritism or partiality?