

James 2:1~ My brothers, you are not holding the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, our glory, with acts of favoritism, are you?¹

Footnote: Or, My brothers, stop holding of favoritism

1· James now addresses a problem he has seen within the anointed congregation in his day, and which is certainly present today also. It is favoritism, and this favoritism can be based upon many different criteria, from wealth, to social status, to race, age or beauty.

[Question] What problem does James now address, and how is it manifested, both then, and now?

2· In all these instances it is wrong. Christ came to unite mankind, and not to separate them by these means. He tore down the fence between Gentiles and Jews, the Law Covenant and made them one people before God.

[Question] What did Christ come to do for mankind?

[Question] What fence did Christ tear down, and to what end?

3· This wisdom not one of the rulers of this system of things came to know, for if they had known it they would not have impaled the glorious Lord. (1 Corinthians 2:8)

[Question] What wisdom have the rulers of the earth not come to know, and why?

4· These sayings also are for the wise ones. The showing of partiality in judgment is not good. (Proverbs 24:23)

[Question] Is the showing of partiality ever good?

5· So they dispatched to him their disciples, together with party followers of Herod, saying; Teacher, we know you are truthful and teach the way of God in truth, and you do not care for anybody, for you do not look upon men's outward appearance. (Matthew 22:16)

[Question] What did even Jesus' opposers confess about his way?

6· I solemnly charge you before God and Christ Jesus and the chosen angels to keep these things without prejudgment, doing nothing according to a biased leaning. (1 Timothy 5:21)

[Question] What did Paul encourage Timothy to judge?

- 7· **But the wisdom from above is first of all chaste, then peaceable, reasonable, ready to obey, full of mercy and good fruits, not making partial distinctions, not hypocritical. (James 3:17)**

[Question] What does the wisdom from above not make between persons?

- 8· **The showing of partiality is not good, nor that an able-bodied man should transgress over a mere piece of bread. (Proverbs 28:21)**

[Question] What is not good for men to practice?

- 9· **But if you continue showing favoritism, you are working a sin, for you are reproved by the Law as transgressors. (James 2:9)**

[Question] Is favoritism a sin, and something talked against in the Law Covenant?