

James 2:9~ But if you continue showing favoritism, you are working a sin, for you are reprov'd by the Law as transgressors.

1· James now shows that working of favoritism is a breaking of the principles of the Law Covenant. Whether in judging, or regarding wealth, or Laws for alien residents as opposed to natives, there are many laws within the Law Covenant that all denounce favoritism.

[Question] What does favoritism cause one to break, and in what areas?

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

[Question] How did James react when he saw favoritism within the congregation of God?

3· **You** people must not do injustice in the judgment. You must not treat the lowly with partiality, and you must not prefer the person of a great one. With justice you should judge your associate. (**Leviticus 19:15**)

[Question] What does the Law Covenant call for men to do in judgment?

4· Why, then, the Law? It was added to make transgressions manifest, until the seed should arrive to whom the promise had been made. It was transmitted through angels by the hand of a mediator. (**Galatians 3:19**)

[Question] Why was the Law Covenant given to the Jews?

5· He will positively reprove you, if in secrecy you try to show partiality. (**Job 13:10**)

[Question] How did Jobs show that God would step in, if man showed partiality?

6· Those who are pronouncing the wicked one righteous in consideration of a bribe, and who take away even the righteousness of the righteous one from him! (**Isaiah 5:23**)

[Question] What would be wrong conduct for a judge to make?

- 7· **And I also, for my part, shall certainly make you to be despised and low to all the people, according as you were not keeping my ways, but were **showing** partiality in the **Law**. (Malachi 2:9)**

[Question] What did Yehowah God promise to do to his people, if they showed partiality in judgment?

- 8· **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?

- 9· **These men are murmurers, complainers about their lot in life, proceeding according to their own desires, and their mouths speak swelling things, while they are admiring personalities for the sake of their own benefit. (Jude 1:16)**

[Question] What did Jude show was the reason for judgment by many within the congregation of God then?