

PREJUDICE AND JESUS: CHOOSE ONE

James 2:1-13

- ▶ **message** (1) - You cannot _____ and show _____ favoritism, partiality = _____

▶ **example** (2-4)

| | visitor a | visitor b |
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| appearance (2) | _____ clothing | _____ man _____ clothing |
| attention (3) | _____ prominent seating | no _____ out of the way |
| application (4) | Your _____ make you _____ and reveal your _____ thoughts. | |

Why?

▶ **reasons** (5-13)

1. **God's** _____

You _____ what God _____. (5-6a)

- God loves the _____!
- James 1:9-11 -

For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who is not partial and takes no bribe. He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing. Deuteronomy 10:17-18

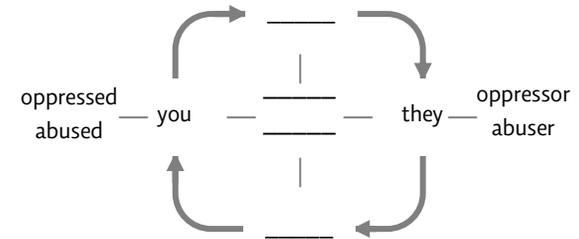
The poor are not _____ simply because of their financial condition, just as the rich are not _____ because of their wealth. But the poor often recognize that they need God, while the rich are often self-satisfied and proud (compare 1 Corinthians 1:18-31). James reminds those who idealize the rich that the poor are graciously included in the people of God.

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2. **God's** _____

You _____ before your _____. (6b-7)

- You are more concerned about your _____ than _____!



3. **God's** _____

You miss the _____ of the law (8-13)

- You can't _____ the law. When you discriminate based on status or appearance, you are revealing your _____ and exposing yourself to _____.

And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

Matthew 22:37-40

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

Matthew 5:7

The opposite of partiality is Christian _____.