



July 31, 2022  
Worship Service  
Pastor Bruce Adrian  
WeAreLifeBridge.com

## JAMES: Real Faith, Real Life

Lesson Ten • James 2:1-7

### The Problem of Partiality

#### True Religion and Partiality

True religion LOVES ALL PEOPLE by destroying the sin of partiality and displaying the glory of Jesus Christ.

*My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. James 2:1*

*If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well. But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. James 2:8-9*

#### What Is Partiality?

Partiality makes unfair JUDGMENTS and takes unjust actions based upon external criteria.

#### The Problem of Partiality

### 1. Heed the Clear COMMAND to Show No Partiality!

#### Show No Partiality

Partiality is incompatible with FAITH in Christ and insults the glory of Christ (vs. 1).

### 2. See the Disgraceful EXAMPLE of Partiality in the Church!

#### Partiality in the Church

- *For if: two different MEN enter a gathering of the church, a rich man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing and a poor man in shabby clothing (vs. 2).*

- *And if: two different RESPONSES come from the church, the rich man gets the best seat in the house while the poor man gets standing room only (vs. 3).*
- *Then: have you not shown PARTIALITY by making distinctions based upon external criteria and become judges with evil thoughts (vs. 4)?*

### 3. Hear the Rhetorical REASON Why Partiality Is Wrong!

#### Unreasonableness of Partiality

- Partiality DISHONORS those whom God honors and blesses in the Gospel (vs. 5-6).
- Partiality HONORS those who oppress the poor and blaspheme God's name (vs. 6-7).

#### God's Solution to the Problem of Partiality

Seek the GLORY of Jesus Christ.

#### Do You Show Partiality?

This question humbles us. And our failure compels us to humble ourselves before the Lord, acknowledge our sin, and receive His mercy and grace.

*But He gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." James 4:6*