

New Hope Sunday School: Study of James

Lesson 7 – Faith and Preference - James 2:1-7

Review of Chapter 1

- Faith in Trials (1:1-4,12)
- Faith and Wisdom (1:5)
- Faith and Doubt (1:6-8)
- Faith and Finances (1:9-11)
- Faith and Temptation (1:13-15)
- Faith and Providence (1:16-18)
- Faith and Anger (1:19-21)
- Faith and Obedience (1:22-25)
- Faith and Speech (1:26)
- Pure Expression of our Faith(1:27)

Preferential Treatment (1-4)

- In James 1:27, what are the essential elements of the expression of our faith?
- How do these elements relate to what James says in 2:1?
- What are modern day examples of blatantly showing partiality?
- What are modern day examples of subtly showing partiality (Gal. 2:6;Job 13:10)?
- Is it ok to be partial to the poor? (Lev. 19:15; Deut.1:17, Deu.16:19;, 1Tim.5:21)
- What connection is there between partiality and Jesus Christ the Lord of Glory? (Heb. 1:13, 2Ch.19:7, Gal. 1:10; Job 34:19)
- Name some motivations we might have as Christians for not being Partial.
- What is partiality equated with in verse 4?

Reasons for not being Partial (5-7)

- What kind of people did God choose? (1Corint. 1:26-28)
- Why are God's chosen people called rich?

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- What sort of perspective does verse 5 give us with respect to material things?(Hebrews 11:26)
- What is the first reason given in verse 6 as to why we should not be partial? (Prov.14:31, Prov.17:5)
- What is the second (and possibly third) reason given in verse 6 for not being partial?
- What is the inconsistency identified in verse 7 with regard to honoring the rich?
- What are some ways the rich dishonor the honorable name by which we are called?
- What choice are we making if we honor the rich over the poor?