

TRUE FAITH

JAMES

REAL LIFE

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3. In our view of and response to
God's Word, 1:19-27

James 1:22 NKJV

**"But be doers of the word,
and not hearers only,
deceiving yourselves."**

“The Scriptures, both the Old and the New Testaments, are verbally inspired of God and are the revelation of God to man, the infallible, authoritative rule of faith and conduct.”

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PREJUDICIAL

Pre – Before

Jud – to judge

Cial – the official right

I. THE COMMANDMENT AGAINST PREJUDICE

James 2:1-4

1. THE COMMANDMENT STATED

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"My brothers, as believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ, don't show favoritism."

True followers of Jesus Christ do not discriminate or show favoritism based on status or wealth or any other man-made category.

James 2:1 (NKJV)

"My brethren, do not hold the faith
of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the Lord of glory, with partiality."

Job 34:29

"(The LORD) shows no partiality to princes and does not favor the rich over the poor, for they are all the work of his hands?"

Deuteronomy 10:17

"For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality and accepts no bribes."

Romans 5:8

"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

2. THE COMMANDMENT ILLUSTRATED

James 2:2-4

“Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in shabby clothes also comes in. . . .”

James 2:4

"have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?"

II. THE CASE AGAINST SHOWING FAVORITISM

James 2:5-13

1. Prejudicial treatment opposes what God is doing, vv. 5-6a

Luke 4:18-19

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

Revelation 22:17 NKJV

"And the Spirit and the bride say, Come.
And let him that heareth say, Come.
And let him that is athirst come.
And whosoever will, let him take
the water of life freely."

2. Preferential Treatment to the Flies
In the Face of Experience and
Common Sense, vv. 6b-7

3. Giving Preferential Treatment Rich Breaks God's Law, vv. 8-11

**If we do not treat the people in our
lives with equal respect, we are
breaking the whole of God's law.**

4. Giving Preferential Treatment Puts
Us At Risk When We Stand Before
God Our Judge, vv. 12-13

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy."

Matthew 5:7

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