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LIVING WHAT WE
CLAIM
WE BELIEVE

Part 3 -Favouritism



James 2:1-13 "My brethren, do not hold the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with partiality. ²For if there should come into your assembly a man with gold rings, in fine apparel, and there should also come in a poor man in filthy clothes, ³and you pay attention to the one wearing the fine clothes and say to him, "You sit here in a good place," and say to the poor man, "You stand there," or, "Sit here at my footstool," ⁴have you not shown partiality among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brethren: Has God not chosen the poor of this world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to those who love Him? ⁶But you have dishonoured the poor man. Do not the rich oppress you and drag you into the courts? ...

1. **What Favouritism** _____ (vs 1-4)
2. **Our** _____ (Matthew 2:15-17, James 2:5-6)
3. **Playing Favourites is** _____ (vs 8-13, vs 9, 8)

...⁷Do they not blaspheme that noble name by which you are called?
⁸If you really fulfil the royal law according to the Scripture, "YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOUR AS YOURSELF," you do well; ⁹but if you show partiality, you commit sin, and are convicted by the law as transgressors.
¹⁰For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all. ¹¹For He who said, "DO NOT COMMIT ADULTERY," also said, "DO NOT MURDER." Now if you do not commit adultery, but you do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. ¹²So speak and so do as those who will be judged by the law of liberty. ¹³For judgment is without mercy to the one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment."