

# Not a Respector of Persons

JAMES 2 VERSE 1

My brethren, have not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with respect of persons.

ACTS 10 VERSES 34 AND 35

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## INFORMATION

Prejudice against people based on their worldly status is not something Christians should be known for. The color of one's skin, color of their hair, their height, weight or any physical condition or characteristic should not be important considerations when measuring the worth of a single person, neither, is their family name, their economic status, their political position, their intelligence, contribution to community/nation/world, or any other host of factors. The Bible is clear; we are not to be a respector of persons. We are not to be prejudiced against people.

When we consider our relationship to God and how we are defiled by wicked beings outside of his saving grace, we begin to see just how far God goes in not being a respector of persons. God chooses to love those that are unworthy and those that are non-conforming to his ways; yet, God still loves us. What could we do to be worthy of his love? Nothing. What could we achieve for God that he cannot do himself? Nothing. How, then, do we have the right to look down on others.

## WHAT IT MEANS TO OUR FAMILY

It is critical that we inspect our own behaviors and preferences to be sure that we are not driven by the wrong guidelines. The Bible provides a fundamental basis for all of our beliefs. Our personal preferences and standards must always be in compliance with the preferences and standards that God has set for us. We must never venture from this rule.

# Relevant Passages

## **Acts 10:34-35**

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## **Romans 2:11**

For there is no respect of persons with God.

## **Galatians 3:28**

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.

## **1 Timothy 5:21**

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus and of the elect angels I charge you to keep these rules without prejudging, doing nothing from partiality.

## **James 2:9**

But if ye have respect to persons, ye commit sin, and are convinced of the law as transgressors.

## **James 3:17**

But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.

## **1 Peter 1:17**

And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear: