



MZBMP

**Title:** Have Not the Faith with Respect of Persons (part 3) – Opposite of Loving One Another

**Text:** James 2:5-9

“Hearken, my beloved brethren, Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him? 6 But ye have despised the poor. Do not rich men oppress you, and draw you before the judgment seats? 7 Do not they blaspheme that worthy name by the which ye are called? 8 If ye fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself, ye do well: 9 But if ye have respect to persons, ye commit sin, and are convinced of the law as transgressors.”

**Pagsasalin:** 5 Makinig kayo, minamahal kong mga kapatid. Hindi ba pinili ng Diyos ang mga dukha sa sanlibutang ito upang maging mayayaman sa pananampalataya at mga tagapagmana ng kaharian na kanyang ipinangako sa mga nagmamahal sa kanya? 6 Ngunit inyong hinamak ang dukha. Hindi ba ang mayayaman ang umaapi sa inyo at kumakaladkad sa inyo sa mga hukuman? 7 Hindi ba sila ang lumalapastangan sa mabuting pangalan na itinawag sa inyo? 8 Mabuti ang inyong ginagawa kung tunay na inyong ginaganap ang kautusang maka-hari, ayon sa kasulatan, “Ibigin mo ang iyong kapwa na gaya ng iyong sarili.” 9 Subalit kung kayo'y nagpapakita ng pagtatangi, kayo ay nagkakasala at kayo'y inilalantad ng kautusan bilang mga lumalabag.

**Pangunahing aralin:** Ang pagtanggap sa mga tao ay dulot ng kawalan ng pagibig sa kapwa tao.

**I. The Command: “Hearken”**

- A. Pastor James is wanting the church members (in Jerusalem, and in all other “scattered” churches) to listen.
- B. They are again referred to as “beloved brethren.”

**II. The Choosing: “Hath Not God Chosen the Poor of This World”**

- A. The “poor of this world” BUT “rich in faith” and “heirs of the kingdom” and “love him.”
- B. God’s choosing refers back to 1:18 – God wills that all mankind would be saved by Jesus.
- C. The “poor of this world” are saved individuals because of their faith in Jesus Christ – not because of God’s choosing.
- D. The poor who are disadvantaged in this world is put at advantage with God (Isa. 61:1-2a; Lk. 4:1-2; 1 Cor. 1:26-29).
- E. God’s choose that those who are saved became “heirs of the kingdom” (Kingdom of God – spiritual vs. Kingdom of Heaven – Millennial).
- F. This is promised to them that “love him” – a believer loves the Lord when he obeys the Lord despite the difficulty of the circumstances.

**III. The Contrary Behavior:**

- A. Despising the Poor.
- B. Oppress and draw other fellow believers to the local court (Judgment Seat).
- C. Blaspheming the Worthy Name (Christ) by which ye are called (Christians, Acts 11:26)
- D. This contrary behavior persisted even in Paul’s day: 1 Cor. 11:17-34.

**IV. The Christ-Like Behavior:**

- A. Love Thy Neighbor – (Lev. 19:18 – “as thyself” with the same love as you have for yourself).
- B. Love thy neighbor is the fulfillment of the Royal Law.
- C. We have a choice: we can fulfill the Royal Law or we can transgress the law.

**Conclusion** (Katapusan):

1. Respect of persons can grow and affect the entire church body. (“Ye” – second person, plural).
2. James rebukes the “respect of persons” attitude. Good preaching reproves sin in the assembly.
3. The poverty of the churches may have been the reason for their attraction/attention to the rich but sin is sin and it must be rebuked.