

JAMES 2:5-11

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Favoritism is making decision based on the world's **standards** and not God's. The root of favoritism is selfishness and **pride**.

Verse 5

Favoritism doesn't mesh with **biblical** truth.

God often makes choices that make no sense to the **world**.

1 Corinthians 1:26-29

If God has chosen those whom the world views as **poor** to be His special possession, that obviously means the world's evaluation of people doesn't **mean** much to Him.

Believers should know it's much better to be materially **poor** and spiritually **rich** than it is to be materially rich and spiritually poor.

One of the things you **constantly** need to be doing is holding up your actions to the light of God's Word and asking "How does how I'm acting, **mesh** with biblical truth?"

Verse 6-7

Favoritism doesn't even make **common sense**.

If you are in a situation where your heart is giving you all kinds of reason why you ought to do this or that, but this or that is in **opposition** to God's Word, don't trust your heart. Trust the **Word**.

Verse 8-11

Favoritism is **sin**.

We as believers have a responsibility not just to love those who are **loveable**, who are easy to love, who we are comfortable with, we are to love our **neighbor** as ourselves.

Scripture is the authority, not our personal **opinion**.

The reason the law is unified is because each individual law came from the same **law-giver**.

The focus is on **Who** you are disobeying. These commands all come from the same person, God, and it is because you are disobeying Him that any sin is **equally** serious.

Favoritism and authentic **faith** do no mix.