



1. The Sin of Partiality _____ Vs. 1-4

A. Described in the _____

Vs. 1-3: My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory...

B. Described in the _____

- 1) Sin of _____: *Crossing cultures is difficult*
- 2) Sin of _____: *Transactional love*
- 3) Sin of _____: *Thinking we are better than others*

Vs. 4: have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become **judges with evil thoughts**?

2. The Sin of Partiality _____ Vs. 5-7

A. Argument #1: The Spiritual _____ of Poverty

Vs. 5: Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God **chosen those who are poor in the world** to be **rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom**, which he has promised to those who love him?

Luke 4:18-19: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim **good news to the poor**."

Matthew 5:3: "**Blessed are the poor in spirit**, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

Luke 6:20b,24: "**Blessed are you who are poor**, for yours is the kingdom of God...But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation."

Luke 18:22-25: "How difficult it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God."

B. Argument #2: The _____ of Favoring the Rich

Vs. 6-7: But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called?

C. Argument #3: The _____ Kingdom of Christ

Vs. 1: My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, **the Lord of glory**.

Luke 9:58: And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head."

2 Corinthians 8:9: For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet **for your sake he became poor**, so that **you by his poverty might become rich**.

Luke 1:50-53: ...he has filled the hungry with good things, and **the rich he has sent away empty**.

1 Corinthians 1:26-29: ...God **chose what is low and despised in the world**, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God.

Phil. 3:8: Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the **surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord**. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ.

Discussion Questions

- How have you observed the sin of partiality in the church?
- Have you ever been guilty of this sin?
- Have you ever been on the receiving end of this sin?
- What other areas, besides wealth, might we be tempted to show favoritism towards?
- Do you have to be poor to go to heaven? Do you have to be poor in spirit? What does that look like?
- How can we resist the siren of materialism?
- How can you better love the underdog, as Jesus would?
- Is Jesus worth more to you than your possessions?