"The Sin of Partiality, Part 2: Mercy Triumphs Over Judgement"
James 2:8-13
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1. The Sin of Partiality is a _____ _____

Matt. 22:37-39: And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Vs. 8: If you really fulfill the **royal law** according to the Scripture, "**You shall love your neighbor as yourself**," you are doing well.

Lev. 19:15-18: "You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor... You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but **you shall love your neighbor as yourself**: I am the Lord."

Luke 19:9-10: And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

2. The Sin of Partiality makes you a _____

Vs. 9: But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors.

Vs. 10-11: For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it. For he who said, "Do not commit adultery," also said, "Do not murder." If you do not commit adultery but do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law.

Vs. 12: So speak and so act as those who are to be judged under the law of liberty.

Matthew 12:36-37: I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak, for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."

Revelation 15:4: "Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify your name? For you alone are holy. **All nations will come and worship you**, for your righteous acts have been revealed."

3. The Sin of Partiality will bring _____

Vs. 13a: For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy.

Matthew 18:32-35: "Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

Matthew 6:14-15: For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Vs. 13b: Mercy triumphs over judgment.

Psalm 139:23-24: "Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!"

Discussion Questions:

1. Share about a time where you were on the sending or receiving end of the sin of partiality.

2. Do you really believe that this sin is a big deal to God? Why or why not?

3. How is the sin of partiality in direct opposition to the royal law (CF: James 2:8, Matt.22:39, Leviticus 19:15-18)?

4. How does the sin of partiality undercut the message of the gospel?

5. Read Matthew 18:23-35 and compare with Matthew 6:14-15. How does forgiveness connect with a merciful heart? How is that related to fighting the sin of partiality?

6. What does "mercy triumphs over judgement" mean? What could that look like in your life?