



**PASTOR NEIL'S
MESSAGE NOTES**

April 24, 2022

**12 Revelations for Supernatural Living, Pt. 9
Revelation on Preciousness of Souls, Pt.3**

If people are Precious to God, what should be my Response? I Must Avoid Favoritism

1Timothy 5:21 (CSB)

I solemnly charge you before God and Christ Jesus and the elect angels to observe these things without prejudice, doing nothing out of favoritism.

What is favoritism?

Favoritism is the unfair treatment of a person or group based on prejudice.

Prejudice is to prejudge someone without knowing all the facts which cause you to form opinions or feeling about them.

Prejudice is also any preconceived opinions or feelings about a person without knowledge of all the facts.

- In the bible, the word translated “partiality or favoritism” comes from two words—”to receive” and “face.” “To receive by face” is to evaluate a person based on surface characteristics - **1 Samuel 16:6-8**

NOTE OF CAUTION: There must be a balance....

- God is not asking us to lose our discernment because of our love for people.
- Discernment– the idea of sizing up situation or a person correctly is encouraged.
- Discernment– Spotting evil that is lurking in the shadows is encouraged.
- Discernment– Sensing something that is missing.

What we are talking about is favoritism – the initial impression we have about someone because of the built-in prejudices regardless of what the person represents.

James 2:1-9

- **James 2:1 – Principle** of favoritism: Faith and favoritism don't mix
- **James 2:2-4 – Illustration** of favoritism:
 - **James 2:2 – Setting:** Hypothetical case of how a well-dressed person and ragged dressed get treated when the church meets.
 - **James 2:3 – Response:** Giving the best seat to the rich and not the poor
 - **James 2:3 – Reason:** Why the response is wrong? The Motive
- **James 2:5-11 – Explanation** of favoritism: Why is favoritism wrong?
 - **James 2:5 – Theological:** Prejudice is inconsistent with God's method. 1 Corinthians 1:25-27; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11
 - **James 2:6-7 – Logical:** Prejudice denies the universality of sin. I am something you are not.
 - **James 2:8-11 – Biblical:** Prejudice is sinful because it is inconsistent with the scriptures.
- **James 2:12-13 – Application**
 - **James 2:12** – Speak and act with the knowledge that you will stand the judgment seat of Christ one day.
 - **James 2:13** – Let **Mercy** triumph over judgmental spirit

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Next Steps:

- Did you pray and give your life to Jesus for the first time today? Email us at pastorneil@covenantfamilychapel.org
- Help Covenant Family Chapel reach more people by sending this message and the notes to someone.
- Visit <https://covenantfamilychapel.org> to listen to another message or listen on WFMD 930AM Radio station in Frederick on Sundays Mornings at 9:30 am and WWNL 1080AM & 103.9FM on Fridays at 3 pm in Pittsburg (PA, OHIO, MD, and WEST VIRGINIA).

Thank You

Group Study Questions

For the week of April 24, 2022

YOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

YOUR STORY

1. Have you ever been a victim of someone's prejudice? If so, describe the circumstances. How did you feel, and how did you respond? Why did you choose your particular response? If you had the situation to do over again, would you respond differently?

DIGGING DEEPER INTO THE LESSON

2. In Jesus' day there was cultural, political, and religious prejudices of Jesus' day. Discuss some of the prejudices in our society today.
3. It can be hard to avoid "favoritism," especially when there are certain co-workers, family members, friends, etc. who we get along with better than others.
 - a. What can you learn from God's view on favoritism in the book of James 2: 5-13?
 - b. Based on what you learned from question 3a, what can we do differently when we are tempted to play favorites?
 - c. In what area of your life: Work, Home, Church, Politics, etc., would it be most challenging to follow God's example of not playing favorites?
4. One of the ways we can avoid favoritism is to learn to appreciate people who are more challenging for us to get along with and to strive to see them in a different light. Read Acts 10:24-28, 34-35, and discuss how we can bridge some of our differences.
5. Which of these behaviors presents the biggest challenge to you if you were to put all the behaviors in the above verses into action?

TAKING IT HOME

6. Which point from this weekend's message or Group Discussion is most important for you to remember? _____