

“The Peril of Partiality” – Part I

James 2:1-13

Intro:

“To show favoritism...” To show partiality, to be a respecter of persons, to have an attitude of personal favoritism.

- ***“To show favoritism”*** means = To determine the value, or the character, or the worth of a person solely on the basis of what is apparent *“on the face of things”*.

James 2:1 – read it this way: *“My brothers, do not hold to your faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ, and at the same time trying to hold onto an attitude of personal favoritism. You’re going to have to drop one.”*

- ***“Our glorious Lord Jesus Christ”*** – or – ***“Our Lord Jesus Christ – the glory.”***

“The glory of God”, all through Scripture, speaks to *“The manifested presence of God”*.

Why is it so important to *not* hold to both my faith in Jesus Christ, and at the same time an attitude of personal favoritism?

1) ***The glory of God is going to be diminished.***

2) ***It debilitates the work of the Kingdom.***

Application:

Pray that God would give you (us) eyes to see, and a heart that loves people beyond what we simply see on the face of things.