

WORD OF THE WEEK

The Subject: Respect of Persons

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⁽¹⁾Respect- Greek: prosopolepsia- partiality; favoritism

⁽²⁾Respect- Greek: epiblepo- to fix the eyes upon with favor or partiality

Jeremiah 1:8 - Be not afraid of their faces

Faces - Hebrew: Paneh- the partial or surface

James is commanding the believer not to accept men by their outward appearance and by their material things. As well, we are not to reject the poor and needy because of their poverty. He charges us that when the church assembles, we are not to favor the rich and well-to-do in high positions of the church. Because of what the rich can do for us, we say to them, "sit here on the finance committee" or "here, have a seat on the deacons board." When we respect persons, James says we declare ourselves innocent of these evil thoughts. This sin is equivalent to adultery and murder (James 2:9-11). Paul said, "Set them to judge who are least esteemed in the church (I Cor. 6:4)". The Lord told Jeremiah when he was preaching judgment on Judah/Israel not to respect the mighty, the kings, the princes, the rich, etc. God does not respect men because of their possessions, position, or appearance. God made the "surface" (face) of man. He does not regard it "Man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart (I Sam. 16:7)."

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