

## **James 2:1-7,13**

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#### **Warning against Partiality**

**2** My brothers and sisters, do not claim the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ of glory while showing partiality. **2** For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, **3** and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, “Have a seat here in a good place, please,” while to the one who is poor you say, “Stand there,” or, “Sit by my footstool,” **4** have you not made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? **5** Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? **6** But you have dishonored the poor person. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into the courts? **7** Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? **13** For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.

This is the Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God. Amen