

## No Partiality With God

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“For there is no partiality with God,” **Romans 2:11**

In the Old Testament, one finds various phrases that express **respectful greeting of reception** to another — such as bowing the face, or lifting up the face toward another. Out of these ideas arises the idea of *showing preference or partiality* to certain people. Preferential treatment is not always a good thing. The Psalmist wrote, “*Blessed is that man who makes the Lord his trust, and **does not respect the proud**, nor such as turn aside to lies*” (Ps. 40:4).

In the New Testament, we see different expressions for showing respect of persons. Certain Pharisees and Herodians *deceitfully* said to Jesus: “*Teacher, we know that You are true, and care about no one; **for You do not regard the person of men**, but teach the way of God in truth...*” (Mark 12:14). What they said in their attempt to “*catch Him in His words*” was actually the truth!

By way of contrast, false teachers who seek to make merchandise of people and use them for their own gain use flattery to woo others to themselves! “*These are grumblers, complainers, walking according to their own lusts; and they mouth great swelling words, **flattering people to gain advantage***” (Jude 16). So we can see how hypocritical flattery can be a tool to deceive. God will never do that! He does not play favorites, nor determine truth by the number of people who believe a thing! Unfortunately, many people in the world **do** play favorites and **do** follow a multitude to do evil!

### Judgment Day

The New Testament plainly states that in the Judgment, God will show no partiality toward anyone (Rom. 2:11)! The apostle Paul says that God “*will render to each one according to his deeds*” (Rom. 2:6).

Slave owners were warned about mistreating their slaves with the words “*And you, masters, do the same thing to them, giving up threatening, knowing that your own Master also is in heaven, **and there is no partiality with Him***” (Eph. 6:9). See also Colossians 3:25; Galatians 2:6.

In the Judgment, all men will be treated alike, no matter their race, color, or creed. The rich and the poor will be judged according to truth and righteous judgment. Sinners will be repaid with no respect of persons!

We live in a world where there is **so much misjudgment**, that it’s almost impossible for us to imagine a world with total fairness and equity! But God will be that Judge in the final day. God will give “*eternal life to those who by patient continuance in doing good, seek for glory, honor, and immortality; but to those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness — **indignation and wrath, tribulation and anguish, on every soul of man who does evil, of the Jew first and also of the Greek***” (Rom. 2:7-9). Nobody will get away with anything in that day. God is no respecter of persons!

To see how important impartial judgment is with God, read the following: Deuteronomy 1:17; 10:17; 16:19; 2 Chronicles 19:7; Romans 10:12; James 2:4-9; 1 Peter 1:17.

God expects us, as His children, to imitate His fairness and impartiality. This takes great concentrated effort, for we are so accustomed to “playing favorites” ourselves!

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