

# sermon notes

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March 1, 2023 | “Playing Favorites” | **James 2:1-13**

**1) The gospel is \_\_\_\_\_ beneath our feet. (James 2:1)**

**2) We should not show \_\_\_\_\_ based on earthly or fleshly criteria. (James 2:2-11)**

**3) God \_\_\_\_\_ for our obedience. (James 2:12-13)**

## Questions for Further Application of God’s Word:

### GO DEEPER

James 2:4 is clear that we shouldn’t be making distinctions between those in the body. These distinctions function to sort people into categories. The haves and have nots, the in and the out. What are the categories that you judge people upon?

### GET PERSONAL

The command to not make judgements on others frees us to love people for who they are. But it also has implications for how we view ourselves. How does James’ message free us from self-consciousness? How does the second greatest commandment instruct us to view ourselves?

### PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

It feels so natural to judge other Christians that may we find ourselves judging before we recognize the urge as a temptation. Think in your mind of a person whom you have made a distinction between, how can you begin to mend that relationship?

### ADVANCED QUESTIONS FOR DEEPER STUDY

James 2:12-13 makes mention of a future judgment coming for believers. What are we being judged against? Who is doing the judging? What is the result of the judgment? How does this differ from the judgment that unbelievers face?