



“Is It Wrong To Like Oprah?”

James 2:1-13

Sermon Notes:

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1. Lord [James 2:1-4]
  - Describe the character of one who treats people differently (v4).  
**Read** Deut 10:15-22; Leviticus 19:15-16  
Describe the Lord’s view on favoritism.
2. Listen [James 2:5-7]
  - How does a person enter God’s kingdom?
  - Describe how the *rich* treated believers in James’ time.
3. Love [James 2:8-11]
  - **Read** Mt 5:21-22. What is the new standard for *murder*?
  - **Read** Mt 5:27-28. What is the new standard for *adultery*?
  - **Read** Mt 5:43-45. Who does Jesus say to *love*?
4. Liberty [James 2:12-13]
  - **Read** Micah 6:8; Zechariah 7:8-12  
Describe God’s position on *mercy* toward people.

## APPLICATION

**Meditate** upon the sermon you heard this weekend.

**Discuss** the following in your family or small group.

- ♥ Recall a time when you showed personal favoritism.  
What was the root cause of your behavior?
- ♥ Is favoritism a sin? Explain.  
Describe how you can overcome it in your life.
- ♥ **Prayer.** Spend time praising and petitioning the Lord.

## PREPARATION

To gain the most from this study, we recommend that you prayerfully ask God for direction and guidance (Ps 119:105; 1 Cor 2:10-16; Jam 1:5).