

Overcoming Prejudice

James 2:1-13

(Last Week)

- I. What Is Prejudice?
 - A. The Terms Used
 1. verses 1,9 - *prosopolempteo* = "to receive the face" or "to respect the person (i.e. the external condition of a man)"
 2. verse 4 - *diekrithete* = "to distinguish, discriminate" "to make distinctions" or "to make a difference" between yourselves. (Does not rule out distinguishing or discriminating by the Scripture.)
 - B. The Concepts Illustrated
 1. Class Distinctions (vs. 2-7)
 2. Stigmatizing Some Sins & Not Others (v. 11)
 3. Find Examples Of Prejudice In Your Life
- II. The Seriousness Of Prejudice
 - A. Your Prejudice Is Inconsistent With Faith (v. 1)
 - B. Example (vs. 2-7)
 - C. Your Prejudice Is Inconsistent With Love (vs. 8-9)
 - D. Example (vs. 10-13)

(This Week)

- III. How To Overcome Prejudice
 - A. Dealing With Your **Motives** (see v. 4)
 1. Don't Judge Another's Motives (v. 8)
 2. Do Judge Your Own Motives (vs. 4)
 3. Do Good Regardless Of What Others Think (v. 8)
 - B. Dealing With Your **Thinking**
 1. Put Your Prejudice Into Perspective
 - a. How does God treat that person? (v. 5)
 - b. How does the world treat that person? (vs. 6-7)
 - c. Am I acting like God or the world?
 2. Remind Yourself Of The Implications Of Salvation
 - a. We are saved by faith alone (v. 1)
 - b. We are saved unto loving service (vs. 8-9)
 - c. Remember that none of us is perfect (vs. 9-13)
 - d. Father disciplines us with the same standard that we treat others (vs. 12-13; see Matt. 5:7; 18:34-35)
 - C. Dealing With Your **Actions**
 1. Begin Loving (Serving) That Person As Faithfully As You Want To Be Loved (Served) (v. 8)
 2. Regularly Confess Your Sins (vs. 9-13 This will humble you!)
 3. Every Time You Get Frustrated With The Person, Remind Yourself That You Are Called To Conquer With Mercy (vs. 12-13)