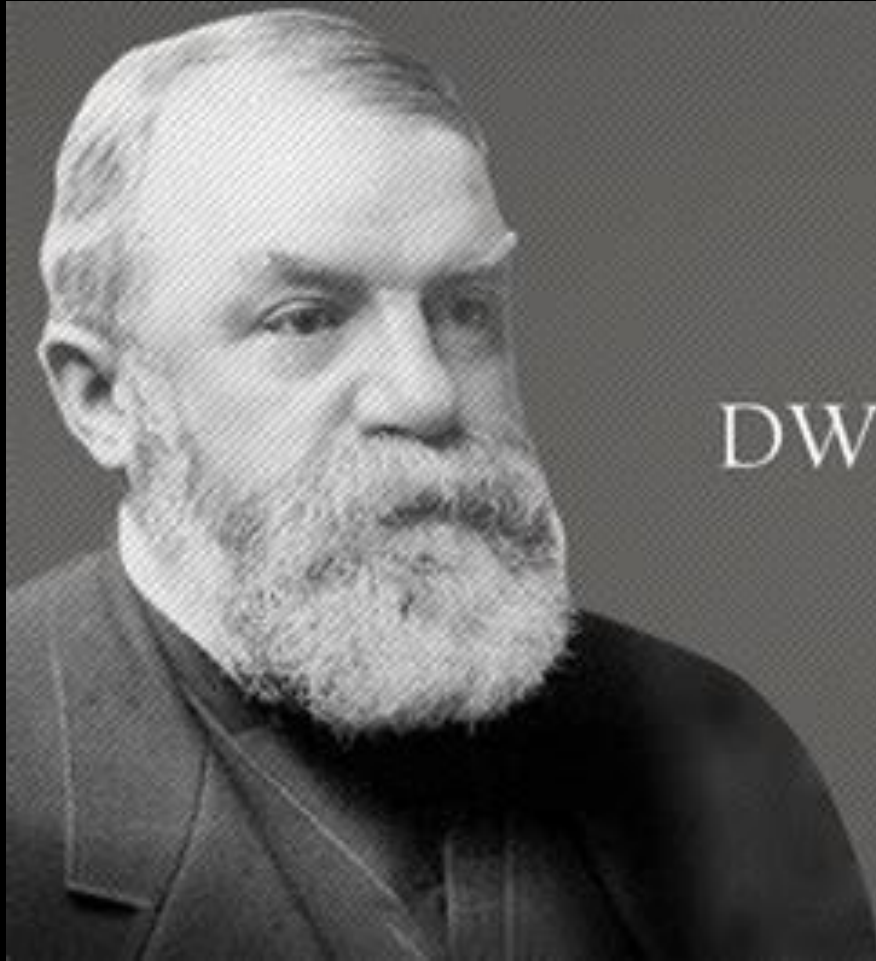


The Poison of Partiality

Part III of James 2:1-13



“Ever welcome to the House of
God are the strangers and the
poor.”



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“I prayed for Faith, and thought some day Faith would come down and strike me like lightning. But Faith did not seem to come. One day I read in the tenth chapter of Romans, ‘Now Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God’. I had closed my Bible, and prayed for Faith. I now opened my Bible, and began to study and Faith has been growing every since.”

- D. L. Moody

“I never met a man who has given me as much trouble as myself.”

- D. L. Moody

My brothers and sisters,
believers in our glorious Lord
Jesus Christ must not show
favoritism.

- James 2:1 (NIV)

1) Practicing partiality violates
the Royal Law.

“In everything, therefore, treat people the same way you want them to treat you, for this is the Law and the Prophets.”

- Matthew 7:12

Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of *the* law.

- Romans 13:10

Needed: Grace

Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; do not *merely* look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.

- Philippians 3-4

Needed: Grace
Death

I have been crucified with Christ;
and it is no longer I who live, but
Christ lives in me; and the *life*
which I now live in the flesh I live
by faith in the Son of God, who
loved me and gave Himself up for
me.

- Galatians 2:20

“Consistent obedience to this precept throughout the church would be of itself an evangelistic power immeasurably surpassing anything else she could bring into action.”

- Johnstone

II) Practicing partiality is sin.

Because by the works of the Law
no flesh will be justified in His
sight; for through the Law *comes*
the knowledge of sin.

- Romans 3:20

(Insights)

- Works righteousness is impossible.

So then as through one transgression there resulted condemnation to all men, even so through one act of righteousness there resulted justification of life to all men. For as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, even so through the obedience of the One the many will be made righteous.

- Romans 5:18-19

- Sin cannot be compartmentalized.

- All sin is equally sinful.

III) Practicing partiality fails the test on mercy.

So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, “If you continue in My word, *then* you are truly disciples of Mine; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.”

- John 8:31-32

“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.”

- Matthew 5:7

Mercy points to atonement.