



After the time of the **Judges,
the nation of Israel fell
into the trap of making
decisions based upon
external observations**



Israel was so blinded by
their desire to have a king
that they unfortunately
DIDN'T STOP
to consider God's desire



I Samuel 16:1-11

**Samuel was instructed to see
past his **initial** impression of
Jesse's sons and see the
heart God sees**



James 2:1-7

**James draws our attention
to how we **view** and **interact**
with others**





FAVORITISM

James 2:1

This favoritism was a present practice, which needed to stop (the original were guilty of showing special treatment to select individuals solely based upon outward appearance)



II Corinthians 8:9

James 2:2-4



**“Assembly” – synagogue
(this was the Jewish
person’s church)**

James 2:4



Ultimately, the **expected
response to this illustration
is to agree (these types of
distinctions have **NO** place
among believers)**

James 2:5-7



It is through **Jesus Christ
that the script is flipped**



**James finishes this section
by asking 3 rhetorical
questions**



**I. Is it NOT the Rich Who
Oppress You?**

**“Oppress” = to exercise
harsh control over another;
dominion**



**II. Is it NOT the Rich Who
Personally Drag you
into Court?**

**The rich were putting their
hands on the poor and physically
dragging them to court**



III. Is it NOT the Rich Who Blaspheme Jesus Christ?

“Blaspheme” = to speak evil
against; to vilify; to defame

