

Sermon Title: **“FAVORITISM”**

James 2:1-7

- After the time of the _____, the nation of Israel fell into the trap of making decisions based upon _____ observations
 - _____ was so blinded by their desire to have a king that they unfortunately _____ _____ to consider God’s desire
 - Samuel was instructed to see past his _____ impression of Jesse’s sons and see the _____ God sees
- James draws our attention to how we _____ and _____ with others
- This _____ was a present practice, which needed to stop (the original were guilty of showing _____ treatment to select individuals solely based upon _____ appearance)
- “Assembly” = _____ (this was the Jewish person’s church)
- Ultimately, the _____ response to this illustration is to agree (these types of distinctions have _____ among believers)
- It is through _____ Jesus Christ that the script is flipped
- James finishes this section by asking 3 rhetorical questions
 - I. Is it NOT the _____ Who _____ you?
 - “Oppress” = to exercise _____ over another; dominion
 - II. Is it NOT the _____ Who Personally Drag you into _____?
 - The _____ were putting their hands on the poor and physically _____ to court
 - III. Is it NOT the _____ Who _____ Jesus Christ?
 - “Blaspheme” = to _____ against; to vilify; to defame