

The Sword Of The Spirit

No “Favorites”

The New Testament stresses that God shows no partiality or “favoritism” toward others. Peter told Cornelius, *“Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him”* (Acts 10:34-35). Paul taught the Ephesians this truth as well (Eph. 6:9). To the Romans he wrote, *“God shows no partiality”* (Rom. 2:11; also Col. 3:25). He told the Galatians, *“God shows no personal favoritism”* (Gal. 2:6, NKJ). All men everywhere are subject to God’s will. There is not one set of rules for one nation, and a different set of rules for another. We are all on equal footing in the sight of God. Specifically, we are all sinners in need of salvation (Rom. 3:23). Therefore, one is either a Christian (a child of God) or he is not.

Knowing we will one day face an impartial God, who *“will render to each one according to his works”* (Rom. 2:6), how ought we to live our lives? Should we live in pursuit of selfish gains, or live in selfless service to God? We know the answer to this. The next question is, “Will we do it?” We will one day face our loving, impartial God in judgment. Will we serve Him with all our hearts or not (Matt. 22:37; Heb. 5:9)? The choice is yours, because God does not play “favorites”!

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