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# “I Can't Breathe”



# Micah 6:8

- He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act **justly** and to love **mercy** and to walk **humbly** with your **God**.



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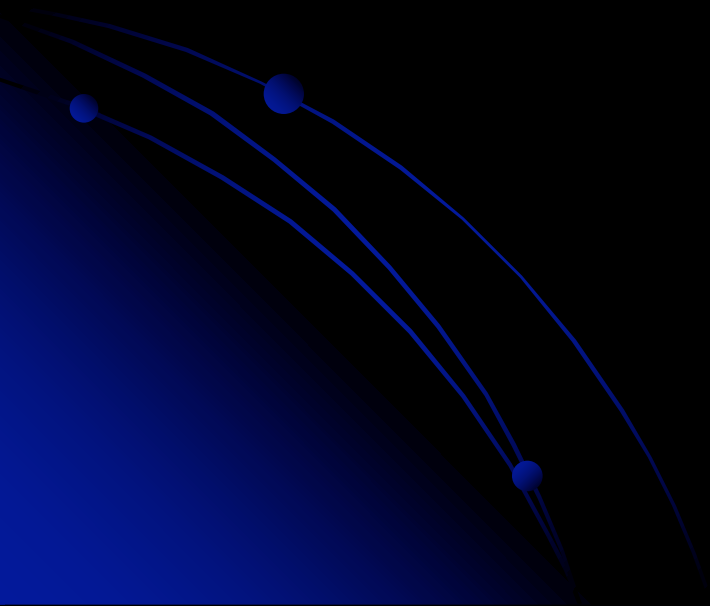


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# What is Favoritism?

**“Receive by Face”**



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# Amy Cooper

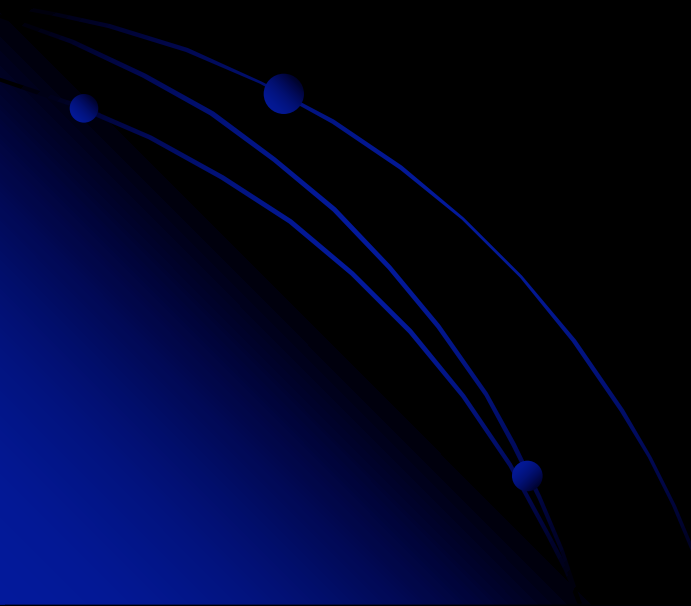
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# Birdwatcher in Central Park of NY



**We can still Discern**



# Precaution




# **Favoritism (James 2:1-10)**

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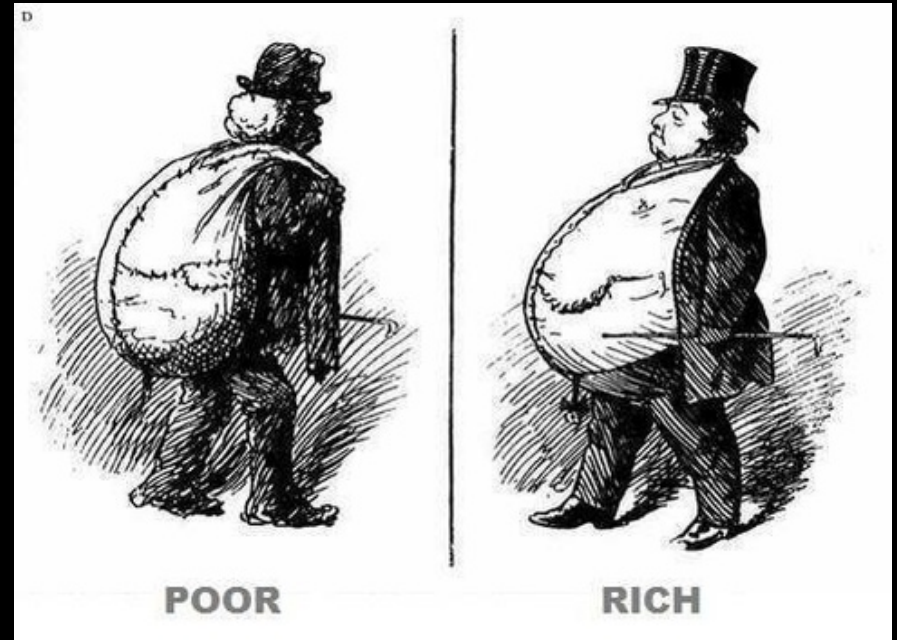
- 2:4 have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?
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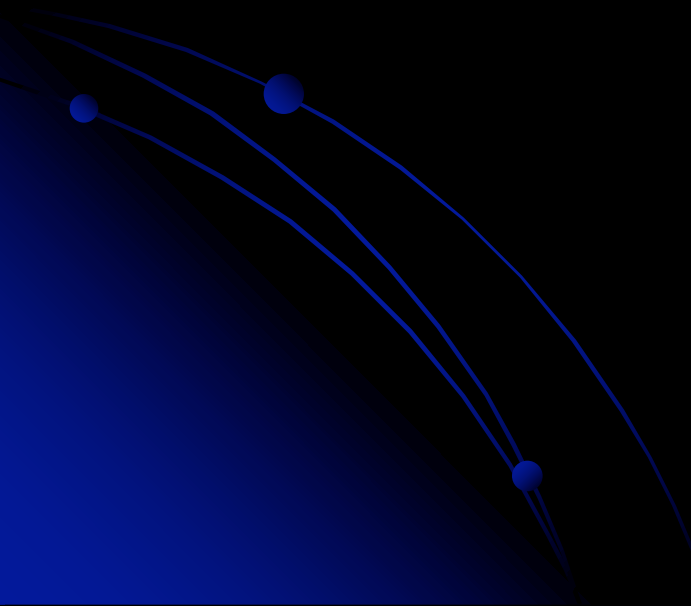
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# Motives behind Favoritism (2:4)

- To the Rich
- To the Poor



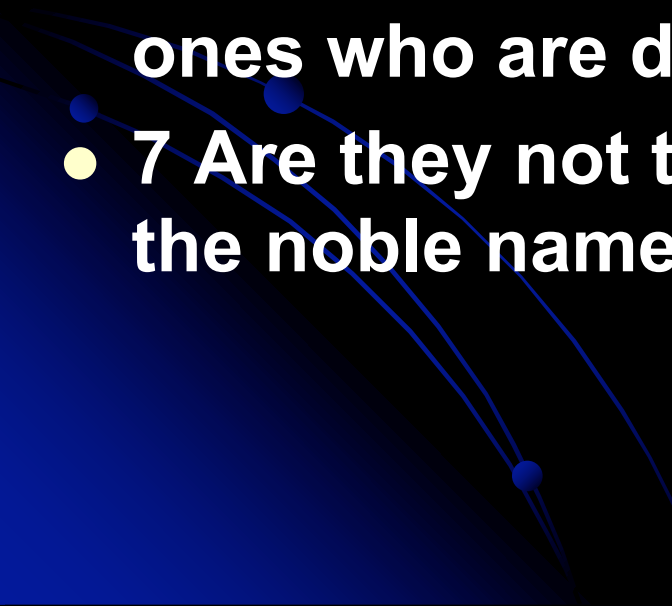
# Human Relationship is Conditional



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# Fallacy of Favoritism (2:5-7)

- 5 Listen, my dear brothers and sisters: Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him?
  - 6 But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who are exploiting you? Are they not the ones who are dragging you into court?
  - 7 Are they not the ones who are blaspheming the noble name of him to whom you belong?
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# Jesus born in a manger

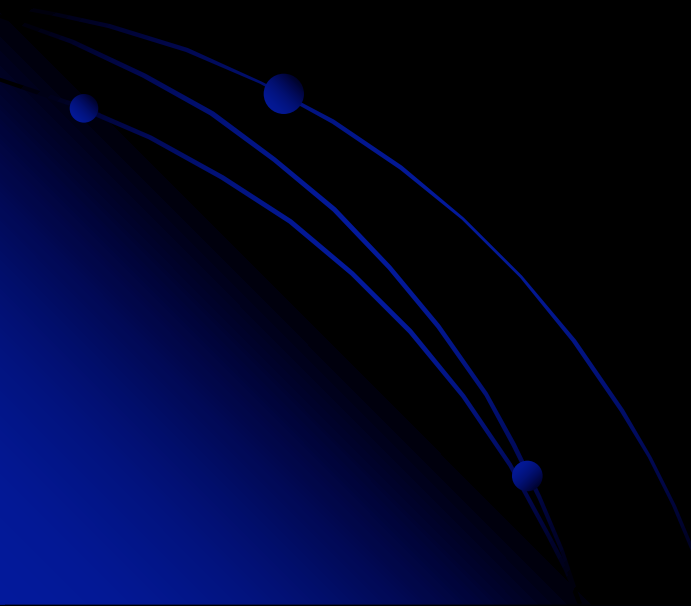




- **<sup>23</sup> Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!” <sup>24</sup> The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup> It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” ( Mark 10: 23-25 )**



**Why is it difficult for the  
rich to enter heaven?**



# Actresses Lori Loughlin and Felicity Huffman



# Avoiding Reverse Discrimination

- <sup>2</sup> “Do not follow the crowd in doing wrong. When you give testimony in a lawsuit, do not pervert justice by siding with the crowd, <sup>3</sup> and **do not show favoritism to a poor person** in a lawsuit.  
(Exodus 23:2-3)

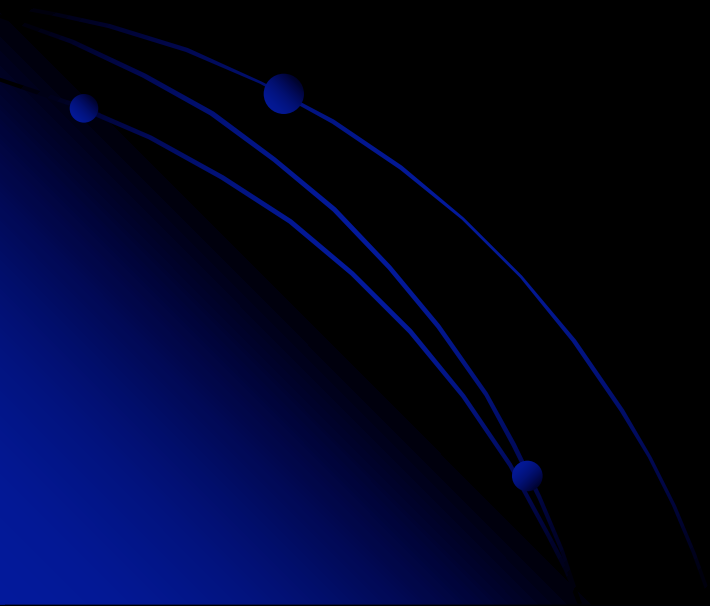
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# Remedy for Favoritism (2:8-10)

- 8 If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, “Love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing right.
- 9 But if you show favoritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers.
- 10 For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it.

**Love your neighbor  
as yourself!**

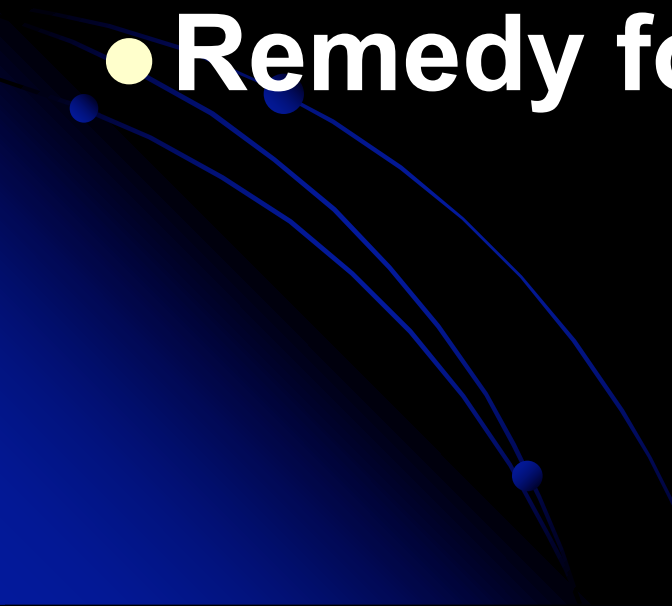


# Who is My Neighbor? (Luke 10:25-37)



- <sup>36</sup> “Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?”
  - Priest
  - Levite
  - Samaritan
- <sup>37</sup> The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.”
- Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”

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