

For A Piece Of Bread That Man Will Transgress

I. Introduction:

A. Wealth makes friends (**Proverbs 14:20** and **Proverbs 19:4**).

1. People love gift givers (**Proverbs 19:6-7**).

2. Think about the power one has when they have much to offer (**Proverbs 18:16**).

3. Some love to have the ability to gain the admiration of others and wield that power of influence over them (**II Peter 2:18** and **Jude 1:16**).

B. As God's people, we ought to be opposed to partiality [favoritism] (**I Timothy 5:20-21**).

1. Godly wisdom is impartial and produces peace (**James 3:17-18**).

2. Like Jesus, we should be known even by our enemies as being those who do not accept the person of any (**Luke 20:21**).

II. Body: *"To have respect of persons is not good: for for a piece of bread that man will transgress"* (**Proverbs 28:21**).

A. It is not good to be a respecter of persons (**Proverbs 24:23**).

1. The Law of Moses taught this (**Leviticus 19:15**, **Deuteronomy 1:17**, and **Deuteronomy 16:19**).

2. As does the Law of Christ (**James 2:1-13**).

3. Woe to them (**Isaiah 5:22-23**).

B. God does not respect persons (**II Chronicles 19:7**, **Romans 2:11**, **Colossians 3:22-25**, and **I Peter 1:17**).

1. God is just (**Deuteronomy 32:4**).

2. God expects mankind to do justly (**Micah 6:8**).

C. Consider how those given to respect of persons can be bribed (**Amos 5:7-12**).

1. Authority gets abused (**I Samuel 8:1-3** and **Micah 7:3**).

2. The root cause is wickedness (**Proverbs 17:23**).

3. Think about the guards at Jesus' tomb (**Matthew 28:1-15**).

D. God has given us information and instructions that, if properly employed, will keep us from having a respect of persons. Remember, we are fully equipped through God's word (**II Timothy 3:14-17**).

1. We are all the offspring of God (**Acts 17:24-30**).

2. How we look at our brethren (**Romans 12:9-10**; **12:16**).

3. Love our neighbors (**Romans 13:8-10**).

4. Applying God's point of view (**Galatians 2:1-6**).

5. Esteeming other better than self (**Philippians 2:3-8**).

6. Speak evil of know man (**Titus 3:1-3**).

III. Conclusion: **Exodus 23:1-9**