

Impartiality

Introduction

There's a story about a Chicago bank that once asked for a letter of recommendation on a young Bostonian being considered for employment. The Boston investment house could not say enough about the young man. His father, they wrote, was a Cabot; his mother was a Lowell. Further back was a happy blend of Saltonstalls, Peabodys, and other of Boston's first families. His recommendation was given without hesitation. Several days later, the Chicago bank sent a note saying the information supplied was altogether inadequate. It read: "We are not contemplating using the young man for breeding purposes. Just for work." Neither is God a respecter of persons but accepts those from every family, nation, and race who fear Him and work for His kingdom (Acts 10:34-35).

Romans 2:11 For there is no partiality with God.

1. **Impartiality is a trait to be admired in a parent, a teacher, a business manager – or in any person.**
 - A. **It is certainly a necessary quality of a judge.**
2. **No amount of knowledge or ability can substitute for it.**
3. **Yet, unfortunately it is a rare quality that is seldom found.**
4. **The language of our text speaks of the impartiality of almighty God.**
 - A. **Since all men are His creation, He must make no difference in them.**
5. **In our lesson this morning let's note some instances of His impartiality.**

He Has Declared All Under Sin

1. The wording of Romans 3:23 is a factual statement by God and man admits that they are sinners.

Romans 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

2. The sins of God's most faithful servants are not concealed; Abraham, Moses, etc.
 - A. Though David was "a man after God's own heart", his sins are still mentioned in scripture.

A Common Savior is Provided for All

1. We are thankful that Jesus is not the Savior of a particular race or class of people.
 - A. He died for all!
John 3:16

1 Timothy 2:6 who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time,

2. The gospel of Christ is a universal theme, the great commission is a world-wide commission.
Matthew 28:18-20
3. Jesus scatters seed upon every kind of soil.
Matthew 13:1-9

The Same Invitation is Extended to All

1. To those who are weary and to those who are heavy laden

- A. **Heavy laden: “burdened by cares; bearing a physically heavy weight or load.”**

Matthew 11:28-30 “Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”

2. To those who are thirsty (John 7:37) or anyone who will come to Him.

Revelation 22:17 And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.

3. No man who comes to Him in complete obedience will be rejected.

John 6:37 All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out.

The Same Conditions of Pardon Are Required of All

1. Man-made religions frame the conditions of salvation in favor of the rich and powerful.

A. But God has one plan for everyone!

Acts 2:38

Acts 17:30 Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent,

Romans 10:12-13 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. For "WHOEVER CALLS ON THE NAME OF THE LORD SHALL BE SAVED."

There is One Standard of Conduct for All

1. We all know that throughout time and where we are today that man has adopted various standards of conduct.

A. Men have adopted standards for himself, another for his friends, one for males, one for females, one for church leaders, etc.

2. But thankfully we can have confidence in God and His written word that He only has one standard for all men - No difference spiritually.

A Common Church for All

1. **The Lord did not build a church for each race, class or the whims of man.**
 - A. **The word "church," when employed in the universal sense, is always in the singular.**

Matthew 16:16-18 Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus answered and said to him, Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock **I will build My church**, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

Colossians 1:18 And He is **the head of the body, the church**, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.

Ephesians 4:4 **There is one body** and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling;

2. **Thankfully, in Jesus Christ, all distinctions are erased.**
Galatians 3:26-28

In the Manner of Judging

1 Peter 1:17 And if you call on the Father, **who without partiality judges according to each one's work**, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay here in fear;

- 1. God will not judge the people as nations, or as classes, but as individuals.**

Romans 14:12 So then each of us shall give account of himself to God.

- 2. We will not be judged according to our wealth or influence, but according to our deeds.**

2 Corinthians 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, **according to what he has done**, whether good or bad.

Revelation 20:12 And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead **were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books.**

Conclusion

- 1. While God is no respecter of persons, He is a respecter of character.**
 - A. Only those who reverence Him and work His righteousness are acceptable to Him.**

Acts 10:34-35 Then Peter opened his mouth and said: In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality. But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him.

