

Favoritism Forbidden - James 2:1-13

Topics:

Change, Differences, Equality, Favoritism, Judging Others, Poor, Prejudice, Status

Open It

- A. How much money would it take to make you consider yourself rich?

- B. For what reasons might a person think he or she is more important than another person?

- C. Where do you see prejudice being practiced?

Explore It

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10. Why should we be merciful? (2:13)

Get It

11. In what ways have you been a victim of favoritism or prejudice?

12. How have you shown favoritism or prejudice toward other people?

13. Why do we often treat rich people as more important than poor people?

14. How do we use physical appearance, job status, and athletic ability to show favoritism toward people?

15. How can we welcome poor people in our church?

16. Why does God have a special concern for poor people?

17. In what practical ways can we show genuine love to people of different races, cultures, and economic standing?

18. Why is favoritism or prejudice often overlooked as a sin?

19. Why would God condemn us as lawbreakers if our sins are only "minor" ones, such as prejudice?

Apply It

20. From whom can you ask forgiveness this week for showing prejudice toward him or her?

21. How can you change the way you look at wealth this week so that you value it as God does?

Adult Questions for LESSONMaker.

New Hope Missionary Baptist Church Southfield, Michigan

Welcome to Bible Study

Wednesday, May 4, 2022

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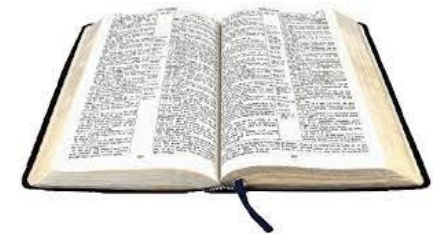
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Epistle of James

2:1-13

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Bible Study Resources

([www.newhope-
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- Holy Bible
- Participant Questions/Worksheet

PRAYER



- Sick
- Bereaved
- Our Church
- Our Country
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James 1:19-27 encourages us to put our beliefs into practice. In 2:1-13, James gives a practical lesson: we are not to show favoritism. Such discrimination violates God's truth. James takes it for granted that the believers in the church will welcome strangers. But he is urging them to be alert about the *way* that they welcome strangers into the church. He does not want the warmth or honor of the welcome to be determined by the status or apparent wealth of the visitor. It is showing favoritism based on social standing that James specifically condemns. He makes it a cause for questioning the reality of a person's faith.



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APPLY IT QUESTIONS

#20 to #21

(See Participant Question Worksheet

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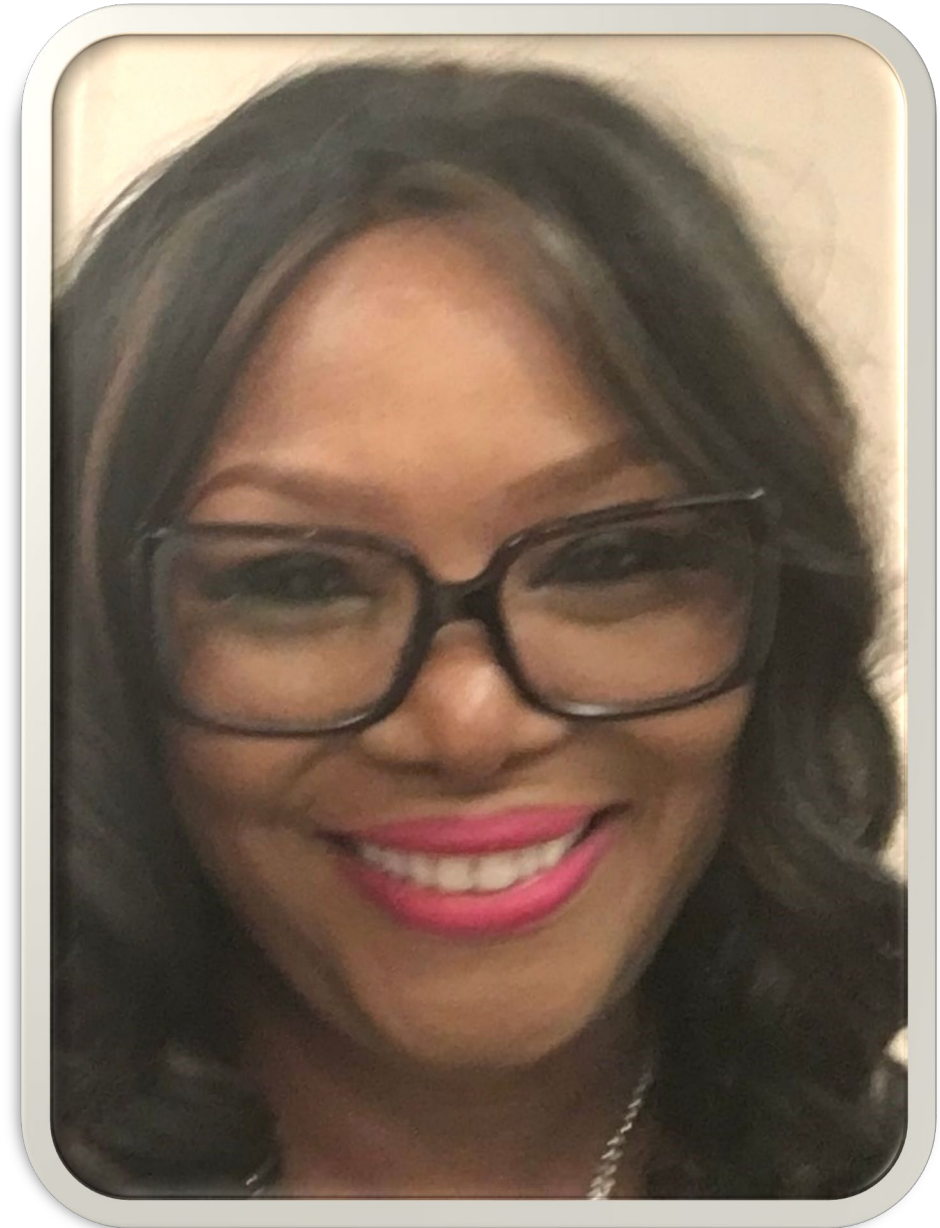


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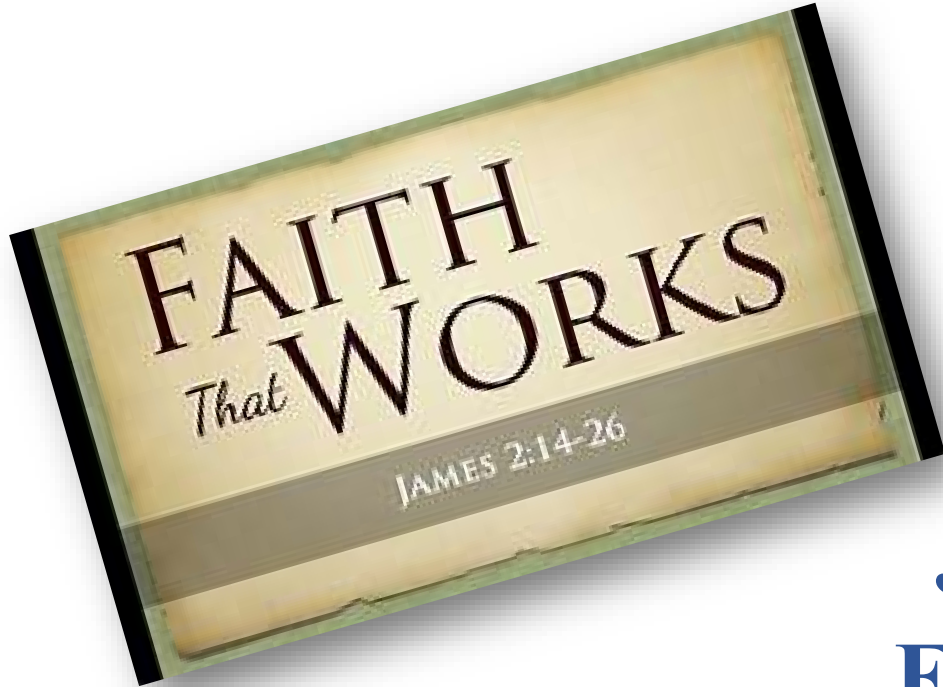
Deaconess Mamie Wells

*Happy Mother's Day!
Join us for Mother's Day
on Sunday, May 8,
2022, at 11:00am
Deaconess Mamie Wells
will bless us with a message to
our Mothers.*

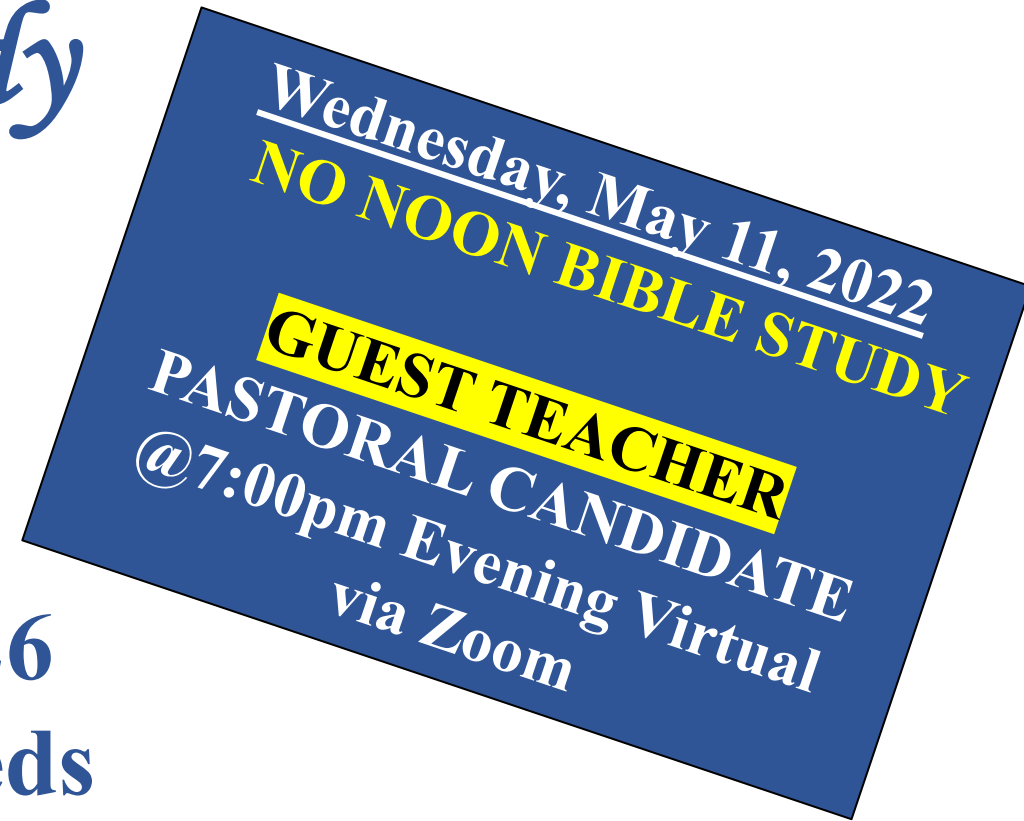


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Bible Study



James 2:14-26
Faith and Deeds



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**Register your Teens and Tweens via Email or on Sunday's After Service
in the Youth Room**

Download Registration Form from the New Hope MBC Website.



**New Hope's Youth
Department
Youth Services Re-
opening**

It's Going Down Y'all! That's Right, Youth Services are re-opening.

Children's Church, Tween and Teens church are coming back to New Hope! Re-opening date TBD. Accordingly, all students must be registered. The Registration Form is available to download from the New Hope MBC website. Hard copies are available in the kiosk located in the church foyer. Complete the form and return by emailing to Youthofnewhope-MBC@newhope-mbc.org or placing a copy in the Youth Department mailbox located next to the water fountains.

REGISTRATION FORM

The Nursery will remain closed until further notice.

PRAYER

