

God has never changed. He is always the same—yesterday, today, and forever.

2 Chronicles 19:7 *So now let the reverence and fear of the Lord be upon you; take heed what you do, for there is no injustice with the Lord our God, or partiality or taking of bribes.*

Proverbs 24:23 *These also are sayings of the wise: To discriminate and show partiality, having respect of persons in judging, is not good.*

Proverbs 28:21 *To have respect of persons and to show partiality is not good, neither is it good that man should transgress for a piece of bread.*

God is against discrimination, showing partiality, favoritism, injustice, all of which you are participating in when normal good respect has gotten out of control. Always remember, God loves all people and died for all. We, as believers are all on the same footing in Christ. Here are a few good verses to ponder.

Galatians 3:27-28 *For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.* NKJV

Colossians 3:11 *where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all.* NKJV



EXAMPLE #2 — The Prophet Samuel

1 Samuel 16:1-13 *Now the LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go; I am sending you to Jesse the Bethlehemite. For I have [a]provided Myself a king among his sons." And Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears it, he will kill me." But the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' Then invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; you shall anoint for Me the one I name to you." So Samuel did what the LORD said, and went to Bethlehem. And the elders of the town trembled at his coming, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" And he said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Sanctify yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice." Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons, and invited them to the sacrifice. So it was, when they came, that he looked at Eliab and said, "Surely the LORD's anointed is before Him!" But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at his physical stature, because I have refused him. For the LORD does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart." So Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Thus Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen these." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all the young men here?" Then he said, "There remains yet the youngest, and there he is, keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him. For we will not sit down till he comes here." So he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, with bright eyes, and good-looking. And the LORD said, "Arise, anoint him; for this is the one!" Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel arose and went to Ramah.*

In Samuel's case, the Holy Spirit spoke to his heart and even let the prophet see his own error (of looking at outward appearances). To Samuel's credit, he follows the Holy Spirit's leading. Have you considered some of the ways you might be showing partiality: choosing people for jobs based on color, gender, beliefs, education, gifting, popularity etc. I encourage you to do as the prophet Samuel did and follow the leading of the Holy Spirit instead of your flesh. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you know the truth of your own heart. God bless and keep you always.

At age 78 there probably is not much time left for me here on earth. Certainly as a born-again Christian I know I'll go past this earthly existence on into everlasting life, so physical death is not worrisome. What is troubling is realizing that most of the people in the world will not have a future life with God after their earthly death.

The Bible tells us what life without the Holy Spirit is like. It is the fleshly life in the world that natural man lives. This is the experience that I had until I was born again. Stay in the Bible to absorb God's wisdom. Proverbs 1:7 says, "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction." Proverbs 2:4-6 says "If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures; Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God. For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding."

Psalm 39:4-7 tells us that life, in the world, as a natural man is vanity. "LORD, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is; that I may know how frail I am. Behold, thou hast made my days as an handbreadth; and mine age is as nothing before thee: verily every man at his best state is altogether vanity. Se'lah. Surely every man walketh in a vain shew: surely they are disquieted in vain: he heapeth up riches, and knoweth not who shall gather them. And now, Lord, what wait I for? My hope is in thee."



We live in a world saturated with fleshly, natural man distractions. These distractions keep us away from Jesus. Jesus said in John 5:39 "Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me." Meaning eternal life and true spiritual life here on earth is in Jesus. Jesus is God and God is spirit. If parents tell their children these things then each new generation can learn truth and the source of truth. We have to speak the truth to the generations.

Being born of the spirit is the beginning of a new spiritual life here on earth in the Kingdom of God.

What does it mean to me that I have been promised eternal life? It means EVERYTHING. Yes, there most certainly is something more.

Prayer to Become Born Again

Father in heaven, thank you that Jesus rose from the dead after He died for all my sins, mistakes and short comings. Thank you for cleansing me from all unrighteousness. In accordance with your Word in Romans 10:9 & 10, I believe in my heart and confess with my mouth that Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior. Teach me to obey your Word and follow the leading of the Holy Spirit. Thank you for Your gift of forgiveness and eternal life. Amen.

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