



“... but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and *who* trembles at My Word.” Isaiah 66:2

What does it mean; “The Lord is not a respecter of persons?” Haven’t we misunderstood that to mean God doesn’t play favorites; that He offers no one special treatment for one person over another? In the sense that He loves all people equally and that His desire is that none perish, this is true. But, as shocking as it may be, God does respond to certain people over others! To the proud man the Lord says, “I will actively resist him” and to the humble man the Lord says “I will favour you.” (James 4:6). To the fearful and unbelieving, God, shall we say, turns away His ear, yet we see Him bending down to hear the prayer of the humble that has been offered in bold faith!

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” (Matthew 5:3). The man of poor spirit is rich toward God. This is the man that understands his inabilities and his need for a Saviour! The poor in spirit has recognized his neediness and holds God’s Word in highest esteem. “If you abide in Me, and My word abides in you, ask whatever you will and it will be done for you.” (John 15:7).

It is wise to regularly give yourself a spiritual checkup. Have you grown proud in your own abilities, wisdom, finances or experience? Hopefully you’ve remained as you were on that day you were born again – poor in spirit – that wonderfully needy state that recognizes your own inability all-the-while seeing the fullness of Christ’s redemption for you!

“Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He shall lift you up.” James 4:10

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