

The Hat Rack

Part Two - Tipping Our Hat

- **God demands that we tip our hat to each other.**

Deuteronomy 10:17, For the LORD your God is the God of gods and Lord of lords. He is the great God, the mighty and awesome God, who shows no partiality and cannot be bribed.

2 Chronicles 19:7, Fear the LORD and judge with integrity, for the LORD our God does not tolerate perverted justice, partiality, or the taking of bribes.”

James 2:1-9, 1 My dear brothers and sisters, how can you claim to have faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ if you favor some people over others? 2 For example, suppose someone comes into your meeting dressed in fancy clothes and expensive jewelry, and another comes in who is poor and dressed in dirty clothes. 3 If you give special attention and a good seat to the rich person, but you say to the poor one, “You can stand over there, or else sit on the floor” - well, doesn’t this discrimination show that your judgments are guided by evil motives? 5 Listen to me, dear brothers and sisters. Hasn’t God chosen the poor in this world to be rich in faith? Aren’t they the ones who will inherit the Kingdom he promised to those who love him? 6 But you dishonor the poor! Isn’t it the rich who oppress you and drag you into court? 7 Aren’t they the ones who slander Jesus Christ, whose noble name you bear? 8 Yes indeed, it is good when you obey the royal law as found in the Scriptures: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” 9 But if you favor some people over others, you are committing a sin. You are guilty of breaking the law.

Four Ways to Tip Your Hat

1. Respect God’s creation.

Acts 17:26, From one person God made all nations who live on earth, and he decided when and where every nation would be.

2. Respect God’s wisdom.

1 John 2:11, If we hate others, we are living and walking in the dark. We don't know where we are going because we can't see in the dark.

James 3:17, But the wisdom from above is first of all pure. It is also peace loving, gentle at all times, and willing to yield to others. It is full of mercy and the fruit of good deeds. It shows no favoritism and is always sincere.

3. Respect God's Word.

Galatians 5:14-15, 14 For the whole law can be summed up in this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." 15 But if you are always biting and devouring one another, watch out! Beware of destroying one another.

4. Respect holiness.

James 2:9, But if you favor some people over others, you are committing a sin. You are guilty of breaking the law.

Romans 14:10, You, then, why do you judge your brother or sister? Or why do you treat them with contempt? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat.

- **We must tip our hat to our differences.**

1 Samuel 16:7, The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."

John 7:24, "Look beneath the surface so you can judge correctly."

- **God will use our tip of the hat to speak to the culture at large.**

Galatians 3:26-28, 26 For you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus. 27 And all who have been united with Christ in baptism have put on Christ, like putting on new clothes. 28 There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male and female. For you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Colossians 3:11, As a result, there is no longer any distinction between Gentiles and Jews, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarians, savages, slaves, and free, but Christ is all, Christ is in all.