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FAITH WORKS

THE BOOK OF JAMES

Don't Play Favorites

James 2:1-7



Pure and undefiled religion before
God the Father is this: to look after
orphans and widows in their
distress and to keep oneself
unstained from the world.

James 1:27

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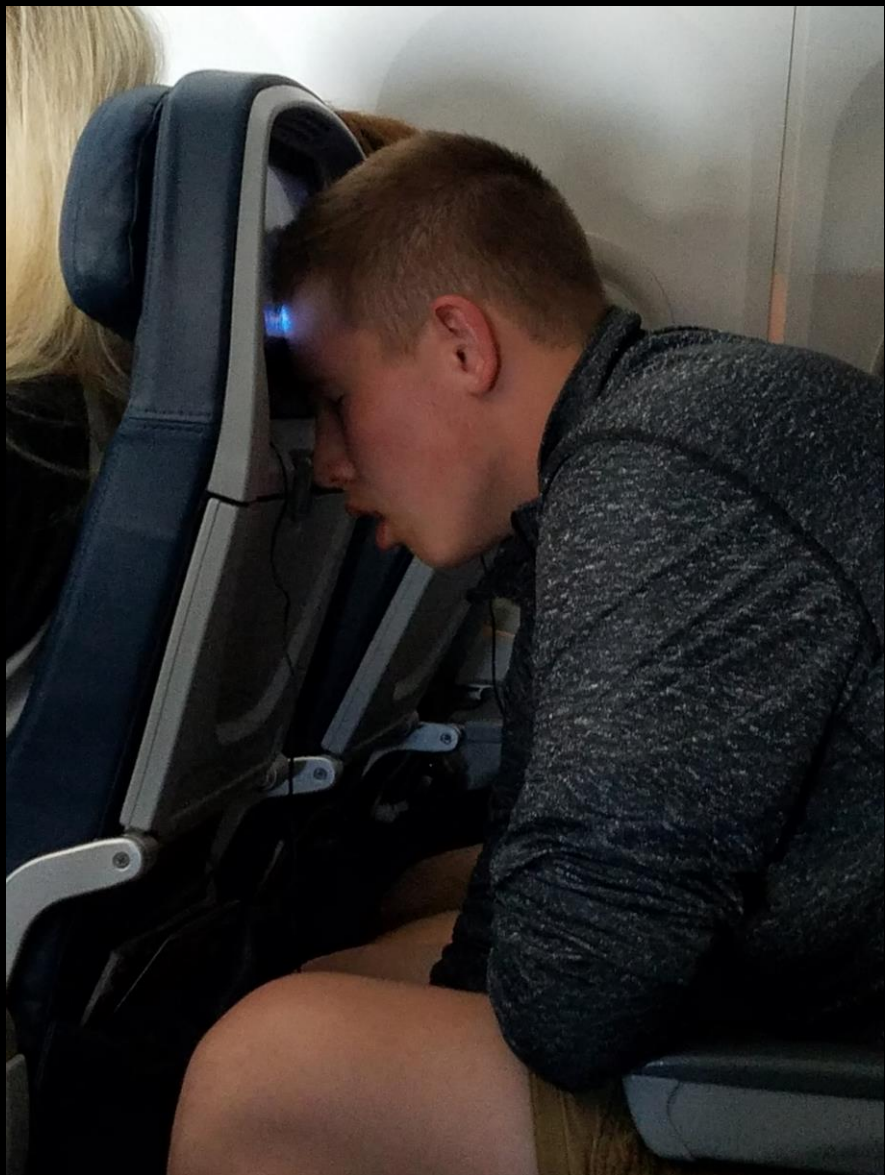
to make judgements about
people based on external
appearances





For there is no favoritism
with God.

Romans 2:11



For if someone comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and dressed in fine clothes, and a poor person dressed in filthy clothes also comes in...

James 2:2

if you look with favor on the one wearing the fine clothes and say, “Sit here in a good place,” and yet you say to the poor person, “Stand over there,” or “Sit here on the floor by my footstool...

James 2:3

Favoritism is contrary to the gospel

Listen, my dear brothers and sisters: Didn't God choose the poor in this world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him?

James 2:5

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ: Though he was rich, for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.

2 Corinthians 8:9

Brothers and sisters, consider your calling: Not many were wise from a human perspective, not many powerful, not many of noble birth. Instead, God has chosen what is foolish in the world to shame the wise, and God has chosen what is weak in the world to shame the strong. God has chosen what is insignificant and despised in the world—what is viewed as nothing—to bring to nothing what is viewed as something, so that no one may boast in his presence.

1 Corinthians 1:26-29

