

James 2:1 My brethren, have no faces if you have faith in our glorious Lord Yeshua Messiah.

^{GNT} **James 2:1** Ἀδελφοί μου, μὴ ἐν προσωπολημψίαις ἔχετε τὴν πίστιν τοῦ κυρίου ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ τῆς δόξης.

TDNT προσωπον Volume VI, pg 768-780 I will send out hopefully Monday

Q1. Note: “Faces” is in the plural and we are to have “no faces”. What is meant by this?

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23598 πρόσωπον, ου, τό (1) *face, countenance*; literally, as a part of the body *face* (MT 6.16); figuratively; (a) as denoting personal presence *in person* (1TH 2.17); idiomatically, with the sense varied by controlling prepositions: π. πρὸς π. *face to face* (1C 13.12); ἀπὸ προσώπου *directly from* (AC 3.20); εἰς π. *before, in front of* (2C 8.24); ἐν προσώπῳ *in the presence of* (2C 2.10); κατὰ π. *face to face, in person* (AC 3.13), *openly, personally, to one's face* (GA 2.11); μετὰ προσώπου *with the presence of, by being with someone* (AC 2.28); πρὸ προσώπου *in front of, ahead of* (MT 11.10); (b) as denoting the front side of something *face*; of the earth *surface* (LU 21.35); (c) as denoting the external form of something *appearance* (2C 5.12; JA 1.11); (2) by synecdoche *person, individual* (2C 1.11)

James 2:1 is referencing Deuteronomy 10:17. Same Greek word is in the LXX

^{KJV} **Deuteronomy 10:17** For יהוה your Elohim *is* the Elohim Himself of Elohim, and Lord of lords, a great Elohim, a mighty, and a terrible, which regardeth not persons, nor taketh reward:

^{LXE} **Deuteronomy 10:17** For the Lord your God, he *is* God of gods, and the Lord of lords, the great, and strong, and terrible God, who does not <1> accept persons, nor will he by any means accept a bribe: {1) Gr. wonder at or admire a face}

^{LXT} **Deuteronomy 10:17** ὁ γὰρ κύριος ὁ θεὸς ὑμῶν οὗτος θεὸς τῶν θεῶν καὶ κύριος τῶν κυρίων ὁ θεὸς ὁ μέγας καὶ ἰσχυρὸς καὶ ὁ φοβερός ὅστις οὐ θαυμάζει πρόσωπον οὐδ' οὐ μὴ λάβῃ δῶρον

Q2. Explain James 2:1 in light of Deuteronomy 10:17

V2 Notice how the Greek συναγωγὴν is translated

56X Acts 13:43 KJV NIV congregation but NAS has synagogue (see v42)

James 2:2 assembly (KJV NAS) meeting (NIV)

NET Bible notes

⁶ **tn** Grk "synagogue." Usually συναγωγὴ refers to Jewish places of worship (e.g., [Mat 4:23](#), [Mar 1:21](#), [Luk 4:15](#), [Joh 6:59](#)). The word can be used generally to refer to a place of assembly, and here it refers specifically to a Christian assembly (BDAG 963 s.v. 2.b.).

Q3. What's wrong with this exegesis?

More Qs coming Monday or Tuesday.