

## **Racism, Sexism and Discrimination**

**God and His Word clearly speak against racism, sexism and discrimination. Following are some key biblical teachings:**

- 1) Unfortunately racism, sexism and discrimination have been around for a very long time (Genesis 43:32; Exodus 1:9-10; Esther 2:10; Amos 1:13).**
- 2) All people (all ethnic groups) and both genders are created in God's image (Genesis 1:26-27). God made every nation from "one". In a real sense there is one race—the human race (Acts 17:26).**
- 3) God shows no favoritism (Duet 10:17-19; Romans 2:11; Eph 6:9). God is love and loves the entire world and all people groups and both genders (I John 4:8, 16; John 3:16). Jesus came to save all people groups (Luke 2:30-32, 24:47).**
- 4) Black people are included throughout the Bible (e.g. the black Cushites are mentioned 54 times in the Old Testament); Moses had a black Cushite wife (Numbers 12:1).**
- 5) Women play a prominent role throughout the Bible (e.g. Miriam, Esther, Ruth, Deborah, Sarah, Rahab, multiple Mary's, etc.). Jesus honored and esteemed women (e.g. resurrected Jesus first appeared to women; women were part of His inner circle; Samaritan woman at the well) (Matthew 28:1-10, 27:55-56; Acts 1:14; John 4:1-42).**
- 6) Paul denounced racism (Jewish discrimination against Gentiles) by confronting Peter; Peter later denounced racism too (Galatians 2:11-14; Acts 10:34-35).**
- 7) James denounces discrimination/favoritism (James 2:1-13).**

- 8) **Jesus taught and modeled against racism and sexism—including his own ethnic group the Jews’ racism against the Samaritans and sexism towards women** (Luke 10:25-37; John 4:1-42).
  
- 9) **For Christians, we are all one in Christ and there should be no racial and gender divisions and discrimination** (Galatians 3:26-28; Colossians 3:11; I Corinthians 12:13).
  
- 10) **In Heaven, there will be people from ALL nations and people groups focused on worshiping God together as one** (Revelation 7:9-10).
  
- 11) **A primary cure for racism, sexism and discrimination is LOVE and practicing the Golden Rule** (I Peter 4:8; Matthew 22:39; Matthew 7:12; I John 4:7-21).

**CASE STUDY: Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well (John 4:1-42).**