

Discrimination

1. discriminate: To make or constitute a difference in or between; to distinguish, differentiate.
(See **EXO 11:7**)
2. Discrimination has gotten a “bad rap” because of historical and cultural errors regarding people of differing skin colors, ethnicities (and other innate, immutable characteristics) who were denied equal liberty, opportunity, representation at law, access to public benefits or consideration in policy.
 - A. Some of the worst abuses of such discrimination involved the dehumanizing of certain classes which justified their being treated unfairly and wickedly: the slave trade, Australian aborigine atrocities, the “Final Solution” of the Third Reich, eugenics programs, etc. (many of which were rooted in, or exacerbated by Darwinian evolution).
 - B. NOTE: There is a big difference between discriminating against an individual based on an innate, immutable characteristic so as to deny him/her what others of equal ability or character might enjoy, and discriminating against an individual based upon innate inability or behavioral choices.
 - (1) This is a (discriminating) distinction that the LGBTQ+ crowd have been working to eliminate so as to guarantee their lifestyle choices have “civil rights and protections” and are supported by your tax dollars. Pedophilia will likely be next.
 - (2) Their efforts are proving to be conflictory and self-defeating as the Transgender issue has concocted a false equal status under the law for biological males who “identify” as females and wreak havoc on women’s sports, etc.
 - (3) Things have become so inverted that “follow the science” now means that racism is determined genetically but not sex.
 - C. Discrimination is a necessary and accepted reality in the world.
 - (1) Men make discriminating choices in religion, values, political leaders, purchases, associations, foods, residences, communities, charities, jobs, commitments, etc.
 - (2) A man chooses one spouse to the disregard of many other possible spouses.
 - (3) Men choose to adopt one needy child out of many.
 - (4) Football teams rightly discriminate against hiring any (male or female) who are unlikely to excel in the needed roles and it would be foolish to charge an NBA team with racial discrimination because most of its lineup is black or an NHL team because most of its lineup is white.
 - D. Beware of discrimination “falsely so called.”
 - (1) Consider the pseudo-discrimination of the LGBTQ+ crowd. Such have been marginalized in sane societies, not because of innate, immutable characteristics but because of behavioral choices which have proven to be detrimental to themselves and to society.
 - (2) A few decades ago, laws were passed to forbid what were called discriminatory lending practices against blacks when what was sometimes happening is that lending institutions on the basis of risk assessment for both the borrower and lender had to responsibly deny certain loan applications. The forced “correction” of the issue resulted in inevitable spiked housing prices, loan defaults, bankruptcy, ruined credit, distressed banks, etc.
 - (3) Employers have sometimes been accused of discriminatory hiring/payment practices against women with claims like “women are paid 30% less than men for the same work.” If such were true, employers would not hire men.
 - (4) It is not unjust discrimination to *freely associate* with people of your own skin color, ethnicity, etc., to the disregard of other skin colors or ethnicities. If such is

unjust, would you like government to pass laws forcing you to marry contrary to your preference?

3. A warped view of discrimination will find fault with God and expect that He must give equal benefit or opportunity to all in order to be just (while men themselves can be selective).
 - A. This is the objection made to the doctrine of election.
 - B. God has chosen out of the fallen mass of mankind a people for Himself. **ROM 9:6-24.**
 1. This number includes Jews and Gentiles. No racial discrimination can be charged.
 2. God has left the rest of mankind to the just consequences of their choice. **ROM 5:12, 18; JOH 3:19-21.**
 - C. Damnation is *justly merited*; salvation is *freely bestowed*. **ROM 6:23; 5:18; 3:24.**
 - D. Unlike carnal reward which should be according to merit, nobody merits heaven.
4. God has the right to dispose of His creation as He wills. **ROM 9:20-21; MAT 20:1-15.**
5. Why did God not give to the other parts of His creation the aptitudes and opportunities He gave to human beings?
 - A. Why did not God give life to the inanimate creation as He did the dust of Adam?
 - B. Why did not God give to the beasts a spirit that goes upward at death? **ECC 3:19-21.**
6. Why does God discriminate in the animal realm?
 - A. Why did God deprive the ostrich of wisdom? **JOB 39:13-17.**
 - B. Why did God not give the horse and the grasshopper equal strength? **JOB 39:19-25.**
7. Why did God provide no redemption to the angels that sinned? **2PE 2:4; JUDE 1:6; HEB 2:16.**
8. Why did God bypass the other idolaters and call Abraham who was also an idolater? **GEN 12:1-3; ISA 51:2; JOS 24:2-3, 14-15.**
9. Why did God choose one nation and bypass others when that nation was also wicked? **DEU 32:7-9; LEV 20:24-26; EZE 20:5-9; DEU 9:4-6.**
 - A. Why did God not choose a nation of more people instead of the fewest? **DEU 7:6-8.**
 - B. Why did God discriminate against the Egyptians if the Israelites were idolaters as well? **EXO 8:20-24.**
 - C. Why was no passover provided for the Egyptians? **EXO 12:3-7, 12-13.**
 - D. Why didn't God give all nations His written law? **PSA 147:19-20.**
10. Why did God single out only one family for the office of priesthood? **HEB 5:4.**
11. Why did God choose one man to be king over Israel instead of allowing a free election of anyone who wanted the office? **1SAM 16:6-12.**
12. Why was Elijah sent to only one widow and why did Elisha heal only one leper? **LUK 4:25-28.**
13. Why did Jesus not heal all the infirmed people at Bethesda? **JOH 5:1-9.**
14. Why were not the mighty works done in Tyre and Sidon that had been done in Bethsaida and Chorazin? **MAT 11:20-22.**
15. Why does God not give all gifts to everybody in the church? **1CO 12:4-11, 28-30.**
 - A. Why did Jesus not admit into the apostolate anyone who wanted it? **MAR 3:13-15.**
 - B. Why does God only give SOME pastors and teachers? **EPH 4:11.**
 - C. Why does God make a distinction in the sexes in that He bars women from public ministry? **1CO 14:34-35; 1TI 2:11-12.**
16. Why does God put burdens on some that are not put on others? **JON 3:1-2; JOH 21:18-22.**
17. God discriminates because it is His sovereign right to do so.
 - A. It is a woeful thing to take issue with God's sovereignty. **ISA 45:9-10.**
 - B. God severely judged some for insisting that all the congregation should have the privilege of the priesthood. **NUM 16; PSA 106:16-18.**
 - C. Those who take issue with God's discrimination are partaking in the gainsaying of Core. **JUDE 1:11.**
18. God's sovereign salvation is the only system of even representation in heaven. **REV 7:9-10.**