When HE Speaks Mercy Triumphs Judgment

Text: James 2:1-13 (p. 1011) The only place I know to begin is with _____ and the sin that is still in my heart that is the root of prejudice as much as anger and lust are the root of murder and adultery. (Mt. 5:21-22, 27-28) We all tend to judge by ______. Partiality is when we form a judgment or opinion about a person based on their ___ before we truly know that person. Everyone struggles with favoritism. It is part of the _____ (1 Sam. 16:6,7) Most people act as if our identity is a competition, that it's based on comparison, that for me to have a strong sense of worth and value, then I have to be than someone else. In the parable of the Good Samaritan, Jesus never answers the question "who is my neighbor?". He merely describes _____ a neighbor. Reality is - is my neighbor, even if for centuries their people have been looked down on by my people. (Lk. 10:25-29) Any form of partiality – and not just the most extreme forms – any hint of favoritism is violating the heart of God "to _____ our ____ as ourselves." Every person is made in the _____ and ____ of God. In the eternal view of things, _____ along with creation makes us all equal. Every person needs mercy. How can I feel superior in any way to another human when I remember that One truly superior to me is giving me grace, love and _____? Part of what we're praying is for the removal of all prejudice and discrimination, so radically wanting all of _____ that I don't even want an

ounce of partiality in me. (Rev. 7:9-10; Mt. 6:10)