

James 1:19-27 Part III

The Marks of True and False Religion

1. A _____ Tongue: (26)

- a. What a man _____: *'If anyone thinks he is religious':*
 - i. James is again addressing our self-_____. –*Jam 1:22-24*
 - ii. 'Religious': Faithfully devoted to, and serving _____, –*Acts 26:5*
- b. What a man _____:
 - i. *'And does not bridle his tongue':*
 1. We all must be _____ to _____. –*Jam 1:19; 3:1-12; Gal 5:22-23*
 2. An unbridled tongue can do all manner of _____. –*Matt 12:34; Lk 6:45*
 - ii. *'But deceives his own heart':*
 1. _____ - _____ about salvation is a real possibility. –*Jam 1:22*
 2. _____ and _____ must conform to each other. –*Jam 2:14-26*
- c. What a man truly _____: *'This person's religion is worthless':*
 - i. His service and devotion to God is _____. –*Is 1:12-17*
 - ii. His faith may well be _____. –*Acts 14:15; 1 Cor 15:17*

2. A _____ Heart: (27a)

- a. *'Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this':*
 - i. Only Non-_____ devotion pleases God. –*Jam 3:9-10*
 - ii. He expects His children to reflect His _____. –*Jam 1:18*
 1. Our Father's words to us are _____ and _____. –*Jam 1:18, 27*
 2. He gifted us with life when we _____ and _____. –*Jam 1:18*
 3. He birthed us by His Word that we might be _____. –*Num 18:12*
- b. *'To visit orphans and widows in their affliction':*
 - i. They are _____ and _____. –*Jam 2:6-7*
 - ii. They are especially _____ by God. –*Jam 2:5*
 - iii. We must love, and give _____ to, them. –*Matt 5:36; Lk 14:12*

3. A _____ Life: (27b)

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Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰ for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. ²¹ Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

²² But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. ²³ For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. ²⁴ For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. ²⁵ But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.

²⁶ If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless. ²⁷ Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.