

James 1:19-27 Part IV

Three Marks of True Religion: A Compassionate Heart & A Holy Life

1. A BRIDLED Tongue: (26)

2. A _____ Heart: (27a)

- a. *'Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this':*
- Only Non-HYPOCRITICAL devotion pleases God. –Jam 3:9-10
 - He expects His children to reflect His CHARACTER. –Jam 1:18
- b. *'To visit orphans and widows in their affliction':*
- They are _____ and _____. –Jam 2:6-7; 1 Tim 5:5
 - They are _____ and _____ for by God. –Ex 22:22-24; Ps 68:5
 - They cannot _____ you. –Luke 14:12-24
 - _____ that such were _____ before God. –Deut 10:12-20
 - We must give of _____ to them. –Matt 5:36; Rom 12:15-16

3. A _____ Life: (27b)

- a. *'And to keep oneself unstained from the world':*
- God birthed us by His Word that we might be _____. –Num 18:12
 - The world's system is in _____ to God. –1 John 2:15-17
 - The world seeks to _____ us from Christ. –Jam 4:4
- b. We are to actively _____ ourselves from _____:
- From adopting its' system of _____. –Jam 2:1-7
 - From _____ the things within it. –Jam 4:4

- It is necessary for God's children to _____ into His likeness.
- We must be _____ of the Word and not _____ only.
- _____ - _____ of who and what we are is a real danger.
- How we live either _____ or _____ our faith.
- These three marks are the main _____ of the rest of the book.

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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.