

James 1:19-27 Part II

Hearing and Doing the Word

1. The Command: (22)

- a. You all must be _____ doers of the Word
 - i. This is what it means to _____ the Word. –*Jam 1:21*
 - ii. He is echoing _____ earthly teaching. –*Lk 6:46-49*
- b. You all must not become hearers only:
 - i. Jesus warns about danger of _____. –*Matt 7:21-27*
 - ii. James warns against the danger of self- _____. –*Jam 1:26*

2. First Illustration: The One Who Only Hears: (23-24)

- a. *'Is like a man who look intently at his natural face in a mirror'*
 - i. He sees his natural face and _____. –*Lk 6:41; 20:23*
 - ii. He does not _____ what he sees. –*Heb 4:12-13*
- b. He *'goes away and _____ forgets what he was like'*
 - i. _____ is how he deceives himself. –*Prov 2:17; 3:1; 4:5*
 - ii. He forgets what _____ of person he was. –*Rom 12:3; Rev 3:14-17*

3. Second Illustration: The One Who Hears and Does: (25)

- a. *'But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty':*
 - i. The mirror is God's _____. –*Jam 1:18, 21; 2:8, 12*
 - ii. This man also _____ his natural face. –*Heb 4:12-13*
- b. *'And perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts'*
 - i. He does not _____ but _____ the _____. –*John 14:15; Jam 1:3-4*
 - ii. He does not _____ himself but _____ himself. –*Luke 9:23*
- c. *'He will be blessed in his doing':*
 - i. This is James' second _____. –*Jam 1:12*
 - ii. Blessing is found in _____ God's Word. –*Luke 11:28; John 13:17*

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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.