



## A Forgetful Hearer or An Effectual Doer? James 1:19-27

- 1) In times of trial, God is testing whether our faith is genuine (1:19-20)
  - a) Be quick to hear God speak from Scripture
  - b) Be slow to argue with God about Scripture
  - c) Guard yourself against anger at God
- 2) Having heard and read God's word, obey it (21)
  - a) Put aside your sinful behaviors like taking off a dirty garment
  - b) Gently receive God's word without argument
  - c) Salvation of our souls comes by the word of God
    - i) Presently from the **penalty** and **power** of sin
    - ii) In the future, from the very **presence** of sin
- 3) Knowledge of Christ w/o obedience to Christ deludes our thinking (22-24)
- 4) Doers of the Word are the blessed ones (25)
- 5) Evaluate your religion, or worship (26-27)
  - a) Do you control your tongue, or does it control you?
  - b) Do you seek out and help those in need or ignore them?
  - c) Are you unstained by the world or part of the world?
- 6) Applications
  - a) Do you trust the whole counsel of God's word? What of it might you reject?
  - b) Is reading Scripture enough for you? How about obedience?
  - c) Does your religion affect others or just you?