

Reedy Fork Baptist Church

Wednesday, August 5, 2026

BIBLE STUDY

Theme: "Believe in His Word"

SCRIPTURE: James 1:19-27 NIV

¹⁹ My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry,

²⁰ because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires.

²¹ Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.

²² Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.

²³ Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror

²⁴ and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like.

²⁵ But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.

²⁶ Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless.

²⁷ Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

I. Key Words:

- Believe
- Listen
- Do

- Righteousness
- Moral filth
- Evil
- Planted

II. People, Places, & Times:

- James
- Jewish Christian

III. Background:

James 1:19-27 teaches practical Christian living by focusing on quick listening, active obedience, and pure action.

This passage challenges believers to match what they hear from God's word with how they act, speak, and care for others.

IV. In Depth:

1. Lesson Emphasis: 1. 1 Listening and Receiving (Verses 19–21)

- Quick to listen: Make a daily choice to hear others and God's word before reacting.
- Slow to speak and angry: Stop quick, angry replies because human anger fails to honor God.
- Humble heart: Leave behind bad habits and accept God's planted word to change your life

2. Lesson Emphasis: 2 Doers, Not Hearers (Verses 22–25)

- The mirror warning: Hearing the word without doing it is like looking in a mirror and instantly forgetting your reflection.
- Active obedience: Real freedom and blessing come from sticking to God's word and doing what it says.

3. Lesson Emphasis: 3 Pure Religion (Verses 26–27)

- Taming the tongue: Uncontrolled speech shows a fake or empty faith.
- Loving the vulnerable: True worship means helping helpless people like orphans and widows in trouble.
- Staying clean: Keep yourself unpolluted by the evil values of the world.

V. Make It Happen

- What does it mean to truly hear?
- What does it mean to truly do?
- What does it mean to truly have?

VI. Follow the Spirit:

What will you do as a result of this lesson?

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