



THE BOOK OF JAMES

INTO THE BIBLE

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. 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.

James 1:22-25 NIV

Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.

Matthew 7:24-25 NIV

My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires.

James 1:19-20 NIV

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.

James 1:21 NIV

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.

James 1:27 NIV

SERMON TAKEAWAYS

4 Characteristics Of A Doer:

- We Read The Word Consistently (James 1:19-20)
- We Receive The Word Humbly (James 1:21)
- We Obey The Word Wholeheartedly (James 1:22)
- We Remember The Word Constantly (James 1:23-25)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What role should God's Word play in our lives as we pursue to be like Christ?
2. What does it look like to "love God's Word?" How do you incorporate God's Word into your daily life?
3. What are some areas of your life where you've said you're willing to obey, but you're not actively obeying. How will you move forward in these areas?
4. Think about a time when a truth in God's Word felt confrontational to you. When you accepted that truth and applied it to your life, what changed? How did you feel about the change?
5. At the end of the message, Pastor Matt talked about the importance of embracing God's emphasis on both justice (advocating for anyone who is oppressed) and righteousness (living pure, upright lives) as believers. Do you tend to focus more on righteousness or justice in your own walk with God? What does it look like to practically pursue both?

PRAYER FOCUS

This week focus on what God has already revealed to you. Walk in obedience to what His Word tells you. Don't just read it, live it!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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