

James: Faith at Work

"Do What It Says"

James 1:22-27

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~ Sam Allberry once said "*Whenever you read the Bible, it shows you you.*"

~ The Bible is first & foremost God's holy, perfect and inspired word given to us as a revelation of who He is. It tells us about God and his purposes in creation. BUT, it also shows us who we really are.

~ *A Sermon Series Reminder* - the general consensus regarding the theme of this book is *faith in action*.

> Notice vs. 21 before we move forward - "*Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.*"

I. _____ the Word is Always Better than _____ the Word (v. 22-23)

~ A more literal translation. "*Become doers of the word and not only hearers, deceiving yourselves.*"

~ The proper understanding here is that when you receive the word, you start to become something.

"Disciples of Jesus Christ are to receive the word of God by being believers who actually do what the word says!"

II. Listening Leads to _____ (v. 24)

~ King Solomon gives us some wise words about vanity in *Ecclesiastes 1:1-3*. There are two usages of the word in Scripture. One of the uses conveys the concepts of void, idle, vain, and even worthless. The other use communicates an increased level of pride in someone's self or appearance.

III. Doing Leads to _____ (v. 25)

~ James uses the words "law" and "word" interchangeably. We will come back to this word in ch. 2 & 4. James is beginning to expound on the idea that obeying the word, and keeping the law is what actually will lead them to freedom.

> Don't Get Confused: Obeying God is not the way to get Blessed by God! Blessings are *NOT* Conditional.
(*c.f. - Romans 9:13 & Exodus 33*)

> God is sovereign! He is free to do as He pleases to whomever He pleases.

~ Note Luke 11:28 - "*But he said, 'Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!'*"

~ Religion is a good thing. But it is *not everything*... Religion is what man does to seek God and find grace & forgiveness and ultimately entrance into heaven.

Two Types of Religion seen in vs. 26-27:

1) _____, _____, _____
2) _____, _____, _____

> The Bible's command to obey God's word is counter cultural! Obedience is the key to having true freedom!