



James: Faith that Works

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“Listening and Doing”

James 1:19-27

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Theme: James is all about living out the Christian life in practical ways. In this passage he emphasizes the need to be good listeners, so that we can discern the needs of others and hear God’s Word clearly. Yet authentic Christian faith always goes beyond hearing to doing. We must not simply know God’s word, we must put it into practice.

Outline:

1. Principles for Good Listening

a. Be quick to listen

b. Be slow to speak

c. Be slow to become angry

2. Beyond Listening to Doing

a. Putting God's Word into Practice

b. The Illustration

3. An Example of Doing: The Essence of True Religion

a. Meeting the Needs of Others

b. Practicing Purity

Takeaway: Authentic Christianity always entails both faith and action, believing and doing. Our true beliefs and values ultimately come out in our actions—how we live our lives.

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