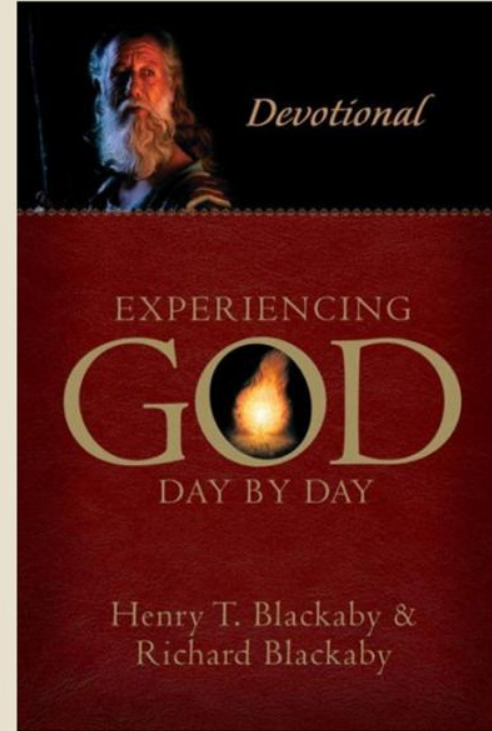


The image depicts a vintage letter-writing scene. A piece of aged, yellowed, and torn paper is laid out on a dark wooden surface. In the top left corner, there is a small, round, light-colored inkwell filled with dark ink. In the top right corner, a black quill pen with a silver-colored ferrule and nib lies diagonally. In the bottom right corner, a red wax seal is attached to a dark cord. The text "A Letter from James" is centered on the paper in a black serif font.

A Letter from
James

Let me ask you a question...



Consistent with the Word.

A LOOK AT JAMES 1:19-27



Who is the Apostle James writing to?



To followers of Jesus around A.D. 40
who have been dispersed from their homes.

R you consistent?



R you consistent?

Receptive to the Word

Responsive to the Word

and a

Reflection of the Word

Receptive to the Word | Verses 19-21

19 Know this, my *beloved* brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; 20 for the anger of man **does not** produce the righteousness of God. 21 Therefore put away **all** filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

JAMES WROTE TO BELIEVERS WHO WERE:



Persecuted for
their faith.



Surrounded by Rome's
influence and rule.

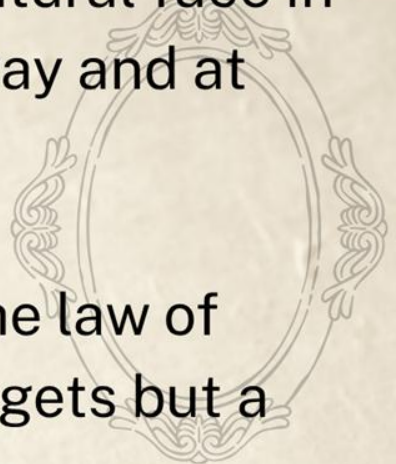


in fellowship with
other believers.

Responsive to the Word | Verses 22-25

22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. 23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. 24 For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like.

25 But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, **and perseveres**, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.



Reflection of the Word | Verses 26-27

26 If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless.

27 Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to **keep oneself unstained from the world.**

What do I do when I fail?



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Look at who James says he is at
the start of his letter (James 1:1)
and **stay rooted there.**



“James, a servant of God and of the
Lord Jesus Christ...”

**(We don't root ourselves in our efforts,
but in our identity in Christ)**



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