

Self Study - Lesson 3

James: Hearing and Obeying God's Word

James 1:19-27

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E C M E F F L N P L
V S E H F O O L E I
E C S C R R O I V K
R P S U H G K S I E
Y T A C C E P T L I
T S G D A T E E D H
H T E E N Y A N O E
I O J A N G R Y I A
N P J R O B E Y N R
G A N Y T H I N G I

My **dear** friends, you should be quick to **listen** and slow to speak or to get **angry**. If you are **angry**, you **cannot do** any of the good things that God wants done. You must **stop doing anything** immoral or **evil**. Instead be humble and **accept** the **message** that is planted in you to save you. **Obey** God's **message**! Don't **fool** yourselves by **just listening** to it. If you **hear** the **message** and don't **obey** it, you are **like** people who stare at themselves in a mirror and **forget** what they **look like** as soon as they leave. But you must never **stop looking** at the perfect law that sets you free. God will bless you in **everything** you **do**, if you **listen** and **obey**, and don't **just hear** and **forget**. If you think you are being religious, but can't control your tongue, you are **fooling** yourself, and **everything** you **do** is useless. Religion that pleases God the Father must be pure and spotless. You must help needy orphans and widows and not let this world make you **evil**.

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1) What questions or insights do you have about this passage? Write down anything that is confusing, surprising, challenging, or hard to understand. **Submit a question on the website to be answered during the next lesson: cfwchurch.com/james**

2) Read the passage in other translations. How do the differences affect your understanding? Are they saying the same thing in different words, or do they change the meaning of what's being said?

3) Identify the People in the text. It may be a named person or a description of a type of person. What roles does each person play in the text?

4) Cross-Reference the scripture. Let scripture interpret scripture. Most Bibles have a list of cross-references next to each verse. What cross-references did you find interesting? What was the relevance to this passage of scripture?

5) Summarize this passage in your own words. Pretend you only have 30 seconds to tell another person what the passage of scripture is about. What would you say?

6) How has this passage of scripture challenged you? What response do you have to the scripture? What does it make you want to do?

