

**FOR THE BROTHERS:  
A STUDY IN THE EPISTLES OF JAMES, JOHN, JUDE  
AMEN BIBLE STUDY 2016-2017**

**James: Doing the Word - James 1:19-27  
October 6, 2016**

**I. We must receive the Word humbly.**

A. Learn the rhythm:

<sup>19</sup> *Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person...*

1. Quick to listen  
*...be quick to hear,...*
2. Slow to speak  
*...slow to speak,...*
3. Slow to become angry  
*...slow to anger;*

B. Why does James teach this?

<sup>20</sup> *for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God.*

1. Our natural bent is to receive the Word arrogantly.
2. To live a life pleasing to God.

C. Empty ourselves of sin.

<sup>21</sup> *Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness*

D. Believe in the Gospel.

*...and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.*

**II. We must remember the Word constantly.**

Infinitely more valuable than anything else:

A. The tale of two men:

<sup>23</sup> *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.*

1. Indifference to the Word marks spiritual death.  
<sup>24</sup> *For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like.*
2. The worth of God's Word is freedom and blessing.  
<sup>25</sup> *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.*

B. The value of God's Word leads to:

1. Study it – intently.
2. Yearn for it.
3. Remember it.
4. Apply it.

### **III. We must obey the Word wholeheartedly.**

#### **A. The thesis of the book.**

<sup>22</sup> *But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.*

1. Saved by faith alone, but saving faith is never alone.
2. A doer of the Law is to follow the Way of Christ.
3. Redemption in Christ leads to becoming like Christ.

#### **B. The example of Christ.**

##### **1. Bridle the tongue.**

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

##### **2. Care for the powerless and vulnerable.**

<sup>27</sup> *Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction,...*

##### **3. Resist temptation.**

*...and to keep oneself unstained from the world.*