

# JAMES: LIVING FOR THE CHURCH

## Wisdom of Obedience

James 1:19-27



**Paul**

“For it is by grace you have been saved through faith and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God not by works, so that no one can boast”. Eph 2:8

**James**

“In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.” James 2:17

“As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith with deeds is dead”  
James 2:26

My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, for human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires. Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forget what he looks like. But whoever who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it - not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it – they will be blessed in what they do.

James 1:19-25 NIV

Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless. Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

James 1:19-27 NIV

# 1. The Heart of Listening

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James 1: 19-21

## 2. The Ugly Image in the Mirror

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forget what he looks like. But whoever who look intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it - not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it – they will be blessed in what they do.

James 1: 22-25 NIV

### 3. Obedience – Pure & Faultless Religion

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# Religion

Θρησκείας, ḥ (thréskeia) Gk:  
religious worship, especially external, that which consists in  
ceremonies. (Strong's Concordance)

# Shema

“The first of all commandments is “Hear, O Israel, the LORD our God, the LORD is One. And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.” This is the first commandment. And the second, like it, is this: “You shall love your neighbour as yourself.” There is no other commandment greater than these.”

Mark 12:28-33 NKJV

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments” John 14:15

“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord’, will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father in heaven”. Matt 7:21

“Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.” James 1:27

“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is a gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.”

Eph 2:8-9

“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.”

Eph 2:10

“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light shine before men, they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.”

Matt 5:14-15 NKJV

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