

A STUDY OF THE EPISTLE OF JAMES

Genuine¹ Faith

II THE DISTINCTIVES OF GENUINE FAITH - James 1:19 - 5:6

LESSON 3 - Faith Obeys the Word - James 1:19-27

KEY VERSE

But be doers of the Word, and not hearers only . . . (James 1:22).

PONDER²

READ James 1:19-27.

WRITE the *word, phrase, or verse* that spoke to you the most. Explain. _____

OBEDIENCE IN HEARING THE WORD

READ James 1:19-21.

1. How are we as *beloved brethren* instructed to be self-controlled (v. 19)? _____

2. Why should the believer be slow to wrath (v. 20)? _____

3. What is the believer to lay aside that he might be able to receive *the implanted³ Word* (v. 21)? _____

¹ Genuine: authentic, real.

² PONDER: think about and consider carefully God's spiritual truths as revealed in the Word of God.

³ implanted - Greek *emphytos* engrafted: inborn; the implanted Word; the Seed of the Gospel (Luke 8:11).

⁴ filthiness - Greek *thypharia* dirtiness: be foul, vile; a word used for filthy garments, sensual and malignant.

OBEDIENCE IN DOING THE WORD

READ James 1:22-25.

1. DESCRIBE those who are only hearers but are not *doers of the Word* of God (vv. 22-24)? _____

2. What is the promise to those who *look⁵, continue in*, are *not forgetful hearers* and are *doers* of God's Word (v. 25)?

How is the Word of God referred to in this verse? _____

PERSONAL

How have you been blessed by being in the Word of God? _____

LOOK DEEPER

The Word of God

What are a few of the countless revelations regarding the Word of God?

a) THE BOOK OF THE AGES

Psalm 119:89 _____

Psalm 119:152 _____

Isaiah 40:8 _____

Matthew 5:18 _____

⁵ look - Greek *paraklypto* bend beside: lean over, look into, stoop down; to look with head bowed forward.

Matthew 24:35 _____

I Peter 1:25 _____

b) FOOD FOR THE SOUL

Deuteronomy 8:3 _____

Job 23:12 _____

Psalms 119:103 _____

Jeremiah 15:16 _____

Matthew 4:4 _____

c) DIVINELY INSPIRED

II Timothy 3:16 _____

II Peter 1:21 _____

d) WRITTEN IN THE HEART

Deuteronomy 6:6 _____

Psalms 119:11 _____

Colossians 3:16 _____

e) FURNISHES LIGHT

Psalm 19:8 _____

Psalm 119:105 _____

Psalm 119:130 _____

Proverbs 6:23 _____

II Peter 1:19 _____

PERSONAL

WRITE Psalm 119:97. _____

Is this a reality in your life? Ask God to give you a deep love for His Word.

TRUE AND FALSE RELIGION

READ James 1:26, 27.

1. Whose religion is useless (v. 26)? _____

2. What is pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father (v. 27)? _____

LOOK DEEPER

How does the Word of God describe true religion: the worship of God through word and deed?

Deuteronomy 10:12 _____⁶

Ecclesiastes 12:13 _____

Hosea 6:6 _____

Micah 6:8 _____

Mark 12:33 _____

Romans 13:10 _____

WRITE out the KEY VERSE _____

*Pure and undefiled religion
before God and the Father is this:
to visit orphans and widows in their trouble,
and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.*

James 1:27

⁶ fear the LORD: to reverence God; to stand in awe of who He is in His holiness (Isaiah 6:1-3).

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