

## JAMES – LESSON 3

### III. PRACTICAL FAITH: PROPER RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE WORD OF GOD AND RELIGION (1:19-27).

- A. We should be swift to hear (1:19-20)
  - 1. Be slow to speak.
  - 2. Be slow to wrath – such does not work the righteousness of God.
- B. We should receive the implanted word (1:22-25)
  - 1. Demands that we put away all filthiness and abundant wickedness.
  - 2. Demands that we receive the word with meekness.
  - 3. The word is able to save souls.
- C. We should be doers of the word and not hearers only (1:22-25).
  - 1. *“Hearers only”* delude self.
    - a. Like looking into a mirror and walking away forgetting of what manner of man we have seen.
  - 2. *“Hearers that worketh”* are blessed in their doing.
    - a. They look into the perfect law of liberty and continue the way therein dictated.
- D. We should practice true religion (1:26-27).
  - 1. Bridle the tongue.
  - 2. Watch over with assistance the orphans and widows.
  - 3. Keep oneself unspotted from the world.

### QUESTIONS:

1. When should we especially be conscious of being slow to speak and swift to hear?
2. What never works the righteousness of God?  
Why?
3. Where in man does the word of God do its work?
4. What can keep the word of God from wielding its saving and perfecting power?
5. Describe those whom God says will be blessed?
6. What makes our religion vain?

