

PLEASANT VIEW PROCLAIMER

March 20, 2022

James: A Faith That Works He Will Be Blessed in His Doing (1:19-27)

This morning we continue our series from James, called “A Faith That Works,” by looking at verses 19 through 27 where James emphasizes the importance of receiving God’s Word and putting it into practice. **Verse 25** serves as a good summary of his main points in this section by describing a man who will “**be blessed in in his doing.**” In this verse, James gives four characteristics of this man that we should also apply to our own lives when attempting to live out God’s Word.

I. S_____ the T_____ (1:19; John 20:1-5)

1:25 - But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty...

The first characteristic of the man who will “be blessed in his doing,” is that he “looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty.” James is clearly talking about the study of God’s Word, but this is more than just a casual glance. The phrase translated “looks into” literally means to “stoop to look” and is the same word that was used to describe the action John took when he first inspected the empty tomb in John 20:5. This is a call for an intense investigation into the Word of God, and points back to verse 19 where James instructs the disciples to be “quick to hear.”

II. S_____ on T_____ (1:19-21; Psalm 1)

1:25 - ...and perseveres...

The next characteristic of the man who will “be blessed in his doing,” is that he “perseveres.” This means that his study of God’s Word is not a one-time action, but is instead a lifetime pursuit. This is also a characteristic of the “blessed” man described in the first Psalm whose “delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.” In verses 19-21, James lists three barriers to receiving God’s Word that must be put away if we are going to persevere in listening to God. These are:

- A. Speaking First (19; Ecclesiastes 5:1-2)
- B. Anger (19-20)
- C. Wickedness (20; Hebrews 12:1-2)

SEEK YE FIRST
THE
Kingdom
OF
God
AND
His righteousness;
AND ALL THESE THINGS
shall be added unto you.
MATTHEW 6:33

*“I will call upon the
Lord, who is my worthy
to be praised; So shall I
be saved from my
enemies”*

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- Sycamore Chapel will have a gospel meeting with Brent Arnold March 27-30

All three of these barriers indicate a focus on self rather than God, and they must be removed if we are going to make the study of God's Word a lifetime pursuit.

III. S_____ your T_____
(1:21-24; 2:14-26; Matthew 5:5-6; 13:3-9, 18-23)

James 1:25 - ...being no hearer who forgets...

The third characteristic of the man who will "be blessed in his doing," is that he is not a "hearer who forgets." This indicates that he doesn't just study for the sake of study but allows God's Word to transform him so that it becomes his identity, his way of life. In verse 21, after the final barrier to receiving God's Word, he instructs the disciples to "receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls." Meekness indicates a willingness to let God change our lives (Matthew 5:5-6). When we focus on God's Word, and are willing to soften our heart to allow God to change us, we will naturally put his words into practice (1:22-24). If we do not put them into practice, it indicates that we never heard with faith to begin with (2:14-26) and those words will be quickly forgotten.

IV. S_____ it T_____ (1:26-27)

James 1:25 - ...but a doer who acts...

The final characteristic of the man who will "be blessed in his doing," is that he is a "doer who acts." This means that he lives out the truth that he has received. James goes on to give three examples of how we can live out God's Word in verses 26 and 27.

- A. In Speech (1:26; 3:1-12)
- B. In Love Towards Others (1:27; Matthew 25:31-46)
- C. In Avoiding the World's Pollution (1:27; Galatians 5:19-21)

PRAYER LIST

- **Nick Phifer**, a family friend of the Reeds, has had a relapse of leukemia. His body has rejected the bone marrow transplant, so he will undergo another with his father as the donor.
- **Chris Snoddy** is in the hospital with congestive heart failure
- **Isabel Johnson** remains in isolation.
- **Ethan Pennington**, Tammy's cousin, has brain cancer
- Continue to remember **Gaynell Walker, Rebecca Brown, Charlie Douglas, Kristine Garrett, John Hayes, Ann Reed, Jim Sims, and Faye Waller**

SERVING TODAY (March 20, 2022)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Read: S. Shatto
Prayer: J. Gupton

WORSHIP

Read: M. Reed
Wait On Table: C. Baker
Serve: D. Demonbreun, J. Walker
Prayer: R. Mayo