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# JAMES

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**“How to listen to God?” V.21-27**

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• **1:19.** let every man be *quick to listen*,

- Trials. V. 2-12
- Temptation. V.13-15

# • Why should we be quick to hear God's Word?

1. As they were experiencing trials, is the Word of God that will give them comfort.

2. As they were experiencing temptations, the Word of God will give them strength to say no!!

3. As they have been deceived, the Word of God guide them to the truth.

- <sup>16</sup> *Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren....*
- <sup>19</sup> let every man be quick to listen....

## James 1

- <sup>19</sup> Therefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be **quick to listen**, **slow to speak, slow to wrath**.
- <sup>20</sup> for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God.
- <sup>21</sup> Therefore **lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness**, **and receive** with meekness **the implanted word**, which is able to save your souls.
- <sup>22</sup> But **be doers of the word**, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.
- <sup>23</sup> For if anyone is a hearer of **the word** and not a doer, he is like a man viewing his natural face in a mirror. <sup>24</sup> For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. <sup>25</sup> But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of **the work**, this one will be blessed in what he does.

- **God's Word will not return empty**

- **Isaiah 55:10-11**

<sup>10</sup> *For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven*

*and do not return there but water the earth,*

*making it bring forth and sprout,*

*giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,*

<sup>11</sup> *so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;*

*it shall not return to me empty,*

*but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,*

*and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.*

# How to hear and process Gods word that will result in a transformed life.

## I. The process of receiving Gods Word.

- What to do before receiving Gods Word?

V.21 - Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness

Get rid of:

- “All Filthiness”
- “Overflow of wickedness”

# How to hear and process Gods word that will result in a transformed life.

## I. The process of receiving Gods Word.

- What to do before receiving Gods Word?
- **Filthiness:** rhuparia. Refers to the term used of wax in the ear which impairs the hearing, blocks the mind.
- **Overflow of wickedness:** Kakia. It pertains to sin that may reside deep in your heart, it may be sin that only God and you know of “Overflow of sin”

# How to process God's Word in your life: 1:19-22

- four step process:
- <sup>19</sup> quick to listen, With the purpose of understanding
- <sup>21</sup> and receive with meekness.
- the implanted word
- <sup>22</sup> But be doers



# Examples of a hearer but not a doer:

- Ephe. 4:26-27

*<sup>26</sup> Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger,<sup>27</sup> and give no opportunity to the devil*

- *Matthew 7:12*

*<sup>12</sup> “So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.*

# Examples of a hearer but not a doer:

- **Mat. 28:**
- ***18 And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”***

- Charles Spurgeon
- *I fear we have many such in all congregations admiring hearers, affectionate hearers, attached hearers, but all the while unblessed hearers, because they are not doers of the word*
- <sup>23</sup> For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man
- viewing his natural face in a mirror. <sup>24</sup> For he looks at himself and goes
- away and at once forgets what he was like
- the Greek word translated viewing = careful scrutiny

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## • II. When you are a doer of the Word you will do the Work of the Lord

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# How to hear and process Gods word that will result in a transformed life.

- III. Your faith will only pass the test of living faith when you are a doer, when your faith is shown by your **actions**.

*<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. <sup>27</sup> Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this:*

- *to visit orphans and widows in their affliction,*
- *and to keep oneself unstained from the world.*

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