

EVERYDAY FAITH

A WORSHIP SERIES
THROUGH THE
BOOK OF JAMES



James 1:19-27

Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰ for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. ²¹ Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

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²² But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. ²³ For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. ²⁴ For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. ²⁵ But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.

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²⁶ If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless. ²⁷ 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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1:19 Know this, my beloved brothers...

“Know This”

James (and the whole Gospel) is primarily about belief and Jesus' behavior, which will organically and inevitably produce love out of us.

“Beloved Brothers & Sisters”

This is written not as a finger-wag but to and from broken and loved children of God in the hopes of us living out of the love we've received.

Gospel Focus

²⁵ But the one who looks into the **perfect law**, the **law of liberty**, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.

Law

The Gospel itself:
Love God and
Love Other

Perfect Law

- 1) Perfect = reflection of God himself
- 2) Perfect = completed

Law of Liberty

Explains how to live in harmony with our being

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Gospel Forgetfulness

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Spiritual Dysmorphia

When I can't see the Truth
of Who God Really Is
and Who I Really Am

Spiritual Amnesia

When I keep forgetting the Truth
of Who God Really Is
and Who I Really Am

Gospel Forgetfulness

(what it looks like)

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Self-Centered Anger

Anger is often totally appropriate, but this kind of anger is based on self rather than love.

Gospel Forgetfulness

(what it looks like)

²¹ Therefore **put away** all **filthiness** and **rampant wickedness** and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

Filthiness

Isaiah 64:6

We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted (“filthy”) garment.

Literally to be soiled/messy

Rampant Wickedness

Rampant means perpetual and excessive, like a poisonous weed that takes over your lawn that you can't get rid of.

Gospel Reflection

²¹...**put away**...and **receive with meekness** the implanted word, which is able to save your souls...

Receive with Meekness

Finally admit that I'm self-obsessed and need Jesus.

John 1:1, 14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

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SelfLess Anger

Out of Justified Anger at Sin and Brokenness, God poured out justice on Jesus rather than on us.
God's anger stems from and results in Love rather than hate.

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Look Into

Perpetual and Deep.

Rather than obsess over myself and this world, obsess over the beauty of Jesus, what he's done and who he's made me to be.

Do

We DO what we BELIEVE.

BECAUSE of our new Identity, we are being called to live in accordance with who God is and who we are.

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²⁷ Religion that is pure and undefiled (unfilthy) before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

Righteous Anger that Leads to Love

Orphans and Widows

God himself came to us orphans in the person of Jesus when we were most afflicted by sin and death.

Now, with the Holy Spirit inside of us, we are called to give hope to the hopeless in the world around us.

Unstained

- 1) In our Beliefs. Constantly hold fast to the Gospel and not fluctuating with “worldly wisdom”
- 2) In our Love. Love sacrificially and outwardly in a way that reflects the way that we’ve been loved.

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