

James 1:19-27

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Sermon Study Guide

(Reminder: The purpose of the questions is to explore the text and themes of the sermon. **Do not feel a need to go through all of the questions.** The goal is to stimulate discussion/reflection and transformation related to the sermon text and themes.)

1. According to vv. 19-21, How do you go about hearing God's word?
2. Discuss this quote from Alec Motyer: 'The great talker is rarely a great listener, and never is the ear more firmly closed than when anger takes over.'
3. According to vv. 22-25, what is the particular way we can deceive ourselves when reading the Bible? How can we guard against this?
4. In what sense is God's law perfect (verse 25)? Why does James describe it as the law of liberty?
5. Are there any areas in your life where you are refusing to obey God? What sort of things do you need to 'put away' in order to receive God's word more effectively in your life?
6. According to vv. 26-27, what three practical expressions of the Christian faith does James highlight? Why did he choose these three in particular?
7. How do you react to the suggestion that 'the tongue is an accurate index of what we are at the core of our persons'?