

19 My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, **20** because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires. **21** Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.

22 Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. **23** Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror **24** and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. **25** But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.

26 Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless. **27** Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

Vv. 19-20: 1st warning - What to listen to

- (19) General warning about being careful
 - Take note: Quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger
 - Why?
- (20-21) Unwise speech and anger
 - Seem to hand in hand
 - Is James over-reacting? Don't we have freedom in Christ?
 - Prov 10:17-21 and Matt 5:21-22
- (21) accept the Word of God planted
 - Probably has in mind Jeremiah 31:31-34
 - Which can save you? What kind of saving?

Vv. 22-25 2nd warning – Watch your mouth

- How would you know if you deceived yourself?
 - Being like the mirror man

- Doing what the Word says
- (25) They will be blessed

Vv. 26-27 3rd warning - Self-deception

- Two examples of worthless religiosity
 - Running your mouth
 - Not caring about the most vulnerable populations

James Series (Starts Dec 28)	Bible Studies	Events
<p>James (The Art of Christian Living)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sun (Jan 11): Talking Gospel & Listening to God (1:19-27) - Sun (Jan 18): Playing Church & Favorites (2:1-13) - Sun (Jan 25): Visiting Church Pant Ethnos - Sun (Feb 1): Faith Works (2:14-26) - Sun (Feb 8): The Spiritual Discipline of Watching Your Mouth (3:1-18) - Sun (Feb 15): The Spiritual Discipline of fighting well (4:1-12) <p>Lent Begins Wed. Feb 18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sun (Feb 22): The Spiritual Discipline of not loving wealth (4:13-5:6) - Sun (Mar 1): The Spiritual Discipline of Suffering well (5:7-12) - Sun (Mar 8): Fearless Healing Prayer (5:13-20) - Stations of the Cross Sermon series Begins (Mar 15, 22, 29 & Apr 5) 	<p>Wed. Studies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jan. 14, 21 & 28 @ 7pm - Study Resources on website https://www.redemption-church.net/bible-studies/wed-bible-studies <p>Alpha Bible Study (In-person)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jan 17, 24 & 31 - Saturdays 5-7:00 pm - At Soden home <p>Sun (Jan. 18)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New Member Class/Church Covenant Class (all welcome) - After Church - With Rev. Chestnut & Rev. Dennis <p>Stay up on Studies and Resources https://www.redemption-church.net/</p>	<p>Sat (Jan 17 Men's Breakfast)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - TBA <p>Sunday (Jan. 25)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fellowship Sunday - Visiting a Church Plant <p>https://www.ethnoshouston.org/</p> <p>Sundays - 10:15 am Ashford Elementary School 1815 Shannon Valley Dr. Houston, TX 77077</p> <p>Thanks for visiting today. Please scan and fill out our information form. https://www.redemption-church.net/</p> 