

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