

James 1:26-2:7

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Review

- vv 2-11 – Faithful Endurance in Trials Leading to Perfection/Completion of God's Work
- vv 12-18 – Wrong response to trials leads to sin vs. persevering & being made First Fruits.
- vv. 19-25 – Growing in the Word by doing it

James 1:26

- We don't want to give in to Trials & Temptations (vv. 2-18); instead, we want to be _____ (vv. 19-25)
- God brought us forth to be _____ (v.18), and how are we responding to the Word _____ (v. 21)?
 - Looking intently and doing, or being like the rocky ground which produces quickly dying plants?
 - How does the Word Implanted look in your life; is it bearing first-fruits?
- What does this look like?
 - Religious / Religion – what does it mean?

James 1:26-27 – Marks of True Religion

- What are the three Marks of True Religion shown in vv. 26-27?
 - Controlled Tongue → James 3:1-12
 - Care for Others → James 2:1-26
 - Life of Holiness → James 3:13-5:6

James 1:26-27 – Characteristics

- What are the Characteristics of True Religion shown in vv. 26-27?
 - Must not be deceiving the heart (v. 26)
 - Must involve doing what God wants
 - Others focused
 - Not stained by the world

James 2:1-7

- James switches terms from “Religion” to _____ (v.1)
 - Who’s is it?
 - In what/whom is it placed?
- What is the behavior that James warns us against (vv. 2-3)?
- What are we doing?
 - Showing _____ (v. 1)
 - Which means we are becoming _____ with _____ (v. 4)

James 2:1-7

- Contrasts:
 - Two kinds of people: _____ & _____
 - Two Domains (v. 5):
 - Poor of this _____
 - Heirs of the _____
- How do the Domains help us understand the Kinds?
 - What domain is our (wrongful) judgment in?
 - What are we looking at?
 - What does God look at?

James 2:1-7

- Why would we act this way?
- May I posit we live for the wrong Glory?
 - Where & How is Glory used in these verses?
 - What does Glory mean?
- How do we act this way?

Conclusion

- Are the Characteristics of True Religion explained by James at work in our lives?

Specifically, let's look at partiality:

- How might we be wrongly focused on others or ourselves?
- How might we be just doing what is right in our sight – and what would God want?
- How might we be deceiving our hearts?
- How might we be being stained by the World?