

## **James 1:22-25 - The Objective of the Word**

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### **James: A Handbook on Holiness**

#### **The Objective of the Word**

##### **James 1:22-25**

#### **General outline of chapter 1:**

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#### **The Way to Holiness: The Divine Perspective 1:2-27**

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#### **The Trial-Temptation Complex 1:2-18**

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#### **The Confrontation with Trials: Joy & Wisdom 1:2-8**

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The Range of Trials: Poverty & Riches 1:9-11

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The Outcome of Trials: Confidence, Defeat, Victory 1:12-18

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The Word of God 1:19-27

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The Confrontation with the Word 1:19-21

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The Evidence of the Word 1:26-27

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### James 1:22-25

#### The Requirement of Obedience

22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

**A Hearer Only**

**A Doer**

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,

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being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts,

he will be blessed in his doing.

### Discussion Questions:

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V. 22: When we face a trial, when we need wisdom, when we are confronted with God's word which could give us wisdom, what two actions does James say we should do? \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_

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V. 22: Why does James say being a hearer only is "deceiving yourselves"?

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V. 23: How do we deceive ourselves about God's word? \_\_\_\_\_

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V. 24: How do we deceive ourselves about ourselves? \_\_\_\_\_

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V. 25: How do we deceive ourselves about God's law? \_\_\_\_\_

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V. 25: How do we deceive ourselves about God's blessings? \_\_\_\_\_

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What are good, practical ways to guarantee you will be a "hearer only" of God's word? \_\_\_\_\_

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1.

What are some good, practical ways to guarantee you will be a "doer" of God's word?

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Do them! : )