

JAMES 07

Hear, Speak, and Do No Evil

1. 1:17 - Every Good Gift

- a. They are looking above, not below - Luke 11:11, Deut 8:3, 16, John 6:48-50, Mat 6:11
- b. Father of lights created the light - Gen 1:14-15, Isa 45:7,60:19-20, John 1:9
- c. Israel needed the lights for signs - Jer 31:35, Isa 13:9, Joel 2:10, Mat 24:29
- d. Peter preached the coming fulfillment of these signs - Acts 2:16, 20
- e. No shadow of turning, God will keep his covenant - Mal 3:6, Heb 13:8, Rom 11:29
- f. Peter thought so, as well as Paul - 2 Peter 3:9, 13, 17

2. 1:18 - Begotten by God's Will

- a. "His own will" - God chooses who he will fulfill his purposes - Exo 4:22, Rom 9:15
- b. Being born again was necessary to enter the kingdom - John 3:3-6
- c. The remnant is Israel born again - Jer 31:1-9, 1 Pet 1:3, 22-23

3. The Significance of Studying the Bible Doctrinally

- a. Without the historical application we lack reality
- b. Without the spiritual application we lack usefulness
- c. Without the doctrinal application we lack context
- d. James is often used for its moral usefulness, but it fails out of context
- e. We should not be "swift to hear" in every context - Prov 7:15, Gen 3:1

4. 1:19-21 - How to Hear, Speak, and Do

- a. Swift to hear = ears to hear, hear the word - Deut 29:4, Psa 115:6, Eze 12:2-3, Isa 6:10
- b. The words are what will judge them - John 12:48
- c. Slow to speak = bridling the tongue - Prov 13:3, 1 Pet 3:9-11, Jam 4:11
- d. What they said mattered - Mat 10:32, 12:31-37, 1 John 4:3
- e. Speaking with a double heart - Psalm 12:2... when the vile are exalted Psalm 12:8
- f. Not everyone that says "Lord, Lord" will enter - Matt 7:21
- g. Slow to wrath = turn the other cheek - Luke 6:29, 22:64, Mat 5:22-25, 1 Pet 2:20-23
- h. The word is "able to save" ... if they do what they hear - James 1:22, 5:19-20