

"The Mirror of Life" Sun April 3, 2022

I. James 1:22-25

A. Two Questions

- 1. What are you looking at?
- 2. What do you see?
 - * These questions are not one in the same
 - * 2 people can look at the same thing but see something entirely different.
 - ** A simple example of this is looking at a painting (some people see splashes of paint as simple random strokes of confusion while others see it as a grandeur of art)
 - ** From a spiritual perspective, a person can see storms of life as a problem that is impossible to overcome while others see them as an opportunity that leads to greater promises (Giants in the land).
- B. The Perfect Law of Liberty
 - 1. Interesting way of describing God's Word
 - * Perfect: There is nothing greater than this
 - * Law: Statutes or Principles (*Psalm 1:1-2*)
 - * Liberty: Freedom
 - 2. John 8:31-32
- Continuing: This is the key to success; this is the key to God's promises!

Doers of the Word II.

A. James 2:17-18

- 1. It is the action of God's Word that makes it real in your life
 - * It's these miracles, these moments that stand as precedents (long lasting reminders in your spirit, that what God said, He did perform).
 - * When you act in faith, God always moves!
- 2. "Show people your faith by your actions..." (2 things you know):
 - * You can tell what someone believes by what comes out of their mouth.
 - * You can tell what someone believes by what you see them do.

B. Circumstances or Promises

- 1. Circumstances will always try to dictate the outcome. What you look at and what you see is what motivates the power of God to change things!
- 2. Looking into the mirror of life is just the beginning; you must then see yourself the way God sees you (healed, prosperous, the head and not the tail, etc.)...and then when you see it, you will believe it.
- 3. Once you believe it, you will act on it....and the promises of God will be yours!