

# Rooted in the Word weekly readings for

February 13-19, 2012

Scripture: James 1:19-27

Begin each daily devotional reading with prayer. Ask that God would speak to you through the Holy Spirit and His Word.

Consider memorizing verses 21.

**February 13: Read James 1:16-18.** Having focused on this passage/theme for the last week of devotions and in the worship service yesterday, what is the Lord asking of you in response?

**February 14: Read James 1:19-27.** Read the passage slowly several times. What word or phrase draws your attention? Spend time reflecting on that word/phrase asking God to speak to you through it. Write that word/phrase to keep before you this week.

**February 15: Read James 1:19-27.** Focus on verse 21 and the two instructions given there by James. As you focus, ask what the Holy Spirit would encourage you to “get rid of” and what it means for you to “accept the word planted in you?”

**February 16: Read Matthew 7:21-27.** How does this relate to James 1:22-25? What does it look like to be both a hearer and a doer of the word in your life? Which do you tend to emphasize, hearing or doing, and what are the consequences?

**February 17: Read Isaiah 1:13-17 and Isaiah 58:1-14.** How does this relate to James 1:27? What is the link between our religion, doing justice and not being polluted by the world?

**February 18: Read James 1:19-27.** Focus on verses 19 and 26. Read James 3:1-12. James is concerned about Christians and their speech. Where do you see yourself in these verses? Pray that the Lord will help you in your listening and your speaking.

**February 19: Read James 1:19-27.** Spend time in prayer thanking God for His Word, asking that He would continue to speak to you through the Spirit, this passage and the message on Sunday morning. Pray for the preacher and our congregation.

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**James 1:19-27** (New International Version)

## Listening and Doing

<sup>19</sup> My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, <sup>20</sup> because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires. <sup>21</sup> 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.

<sup>22</sup> Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. <sup>23</sup> Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror <sup>24</sup> and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. <sup>25</sup> 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.

<sup>26</sup> Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup> 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.