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DOERS OF THE WORD James 1:22-27 (NKJV)

What Is A Moniker?

- What was James' moniker or nickname?
- Why was he given that nickname?

How Does James' Nickname Reflect His Lifestyle?

- What does Jesus say about prayer? (Luke 11:1-4)
- Moravians practice of "stillness"?

Vs. 21 "To receive the implanted word which is able to save your soul"

- Vs. 17 The gift given and the gift received
- I Peter 1:3 "His divine power has given to us all things pertaining to life and godliness

Vs. 22 "To be doers of the word and not just hearers only"

- What does that mean to James?
- What does that mean to us?

Vss. 23-24 "If any is a hearer of the word only and not a doer ..."

- The analogy of the mirror
- What does natural face actually mean? (Vs.23; Gen.1:27)

Vs. 25 "And the person looking into the perfect law of liberty and staying"

- What does "looking into" actually mean?
- Why does James add "staying"?
- Is there a blessing in doing?

James identifies two areas where this really shows up. Vs. 26 "If anyone thinks to be religious, not controlling his tongue ..."

- What do these words mean: religious, controlling, deceiving?
- What does John Calvin call this?
- 2 Corinthians 10:5
- Psalm 39:1-3

Vs.27 "Pure and undefiled religion before God and Father is this ..."

- Why does James put these in this order?
- Micah 6:8
- Isaiah 58:3

Challenge for consistency between words and actions

- Prov.18:21
- Ps. 19:14

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