

## Faith that Applies God's Word to Life

James 1:19-27

*When we rightly receive and respond to God's Word in faith,  
it will always apply to our lives.*

- I. \_\_\_\_\_ God's Word with \_\_\_\_\_ (19-20)
  - A. The \_\_\_\_\_: Be swift to hear
  - B. The \_\_\_\_\_: Be slow to speak
  - C. The \_\_\_\_\_: Be slow to wrath
- II. \_\_\_\_\_ God's Word with \_\_\_\_\_ (21a, 27b)
- III. \_\_\_\_\_ God's Word with \_\_\_\_\_ (21b, 26)
- IV. \_\_\_\_\_ to God's Word with \_\_\_\_\_ (22)
- V. \_\_\_\_\_ to God's Word with \_\_\_\_\_ (23-25)
- VI. \_\_\_\_\_ to God's Word with \_\_\_\_\_ (27)

We might wonder why the ever-practical James does not proceed to outline schemes of daily Bible reading or the like, for surely these are the ways in which we offer a willing ear to the voice of God. But he does not help us in this way. Rather, he goes deeper, for there is little point in schemes and times if we have not got an attentive spirit. It is possible to be unfailingly regular in Bible reading, but to achieve no more than to have moved the book-mark forward: this is reading unrelated to an attentive spirit. The word is read but not heard. On the other hand, if we can develop an attentive spirit, this will spur us to create those conditions—a proper method in Bible-reading, a discipline of time, and so on—by which the spirit will find itself satisfied in hearing the Word of God.

- J.A. Motyer

Now the glass was one of a thousand. It would present a man, one way with his own features exactly; and turn it but another way, and it would show one the very face and similitude of the Prince of pilgrims Himself. Yea, I have talked with those that can tell, and have said they have seen the very crown of thorns upon His head by looking into this glass; they have therein also seen the holes in His hands, in His feet, and His side. The man who continues looking into the mirror of God's Word sees in it things far more wonderful than his own face. He sees not only his filthy garments, not only the spots and stains on his life; he sees in it Christ, the Christ of the thorn-crowned brow, the Christ of the Cross, his Saviour, whose blood cleanses him from all sin.

- John Bunyan