

# **The Word of Truth**

James 1:18-27

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    - Lk 8:11
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    - 1 Pet 1:22-23

# Parable of the Sower

Luke 8:5-11

*5 "The sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell beside the road, and it was trampled under foot and the birds of the air ate it up. 6 "Other seed fell on rocky soil, and as soon as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. 7 "Other seed fell among the thorns; and the thorns grew up with it and choked it out. 8 "Other seed fell into the good soil, and grew up, and produced a crop a hundred times as great." ...*

*9 His disciples began questioning Him as to what this parable meant...*

*11 "Now the parable is this: the seed is the word of God.*

## **1 Corinthians 4:15**

*15 For if you were to have countless tutors in Christ, yet you would not have many fathers, for in Christ Jesus I became your father through the gospel.*

## 1 Peter 1:22-23

*22 Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from the heart,*

*23 for you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, that is, through the living and enduring word of God.*

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- **In view of a Harvest to come**
  - "first fruits..."

*19 This you know, my beloved brethren. But everyone must be quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger;*

- **Quick to hear what?**

- The Word of Truth

- **Slow to speak what?**

- The Word of Truth

- **Slow to anger about what?**

- The Word of Truth

- Why?

- *20 for the anger of man does not achieve the righteousness of God.*

- The Gospel, Gods means of making men righteous (Rom. 1:16-17)

*21 Therefore, putting aside all filthiness and all that remains of wickedness, in humility receive the word implanted, which is able to save your souls.*

- **Implanted / Engrafted (NKJV/KJV)**
  - bring *into* living union like with a successfully engrafted shoot;
- **The Word of Truth is able to save our souls**

22 But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves.

23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks at his natural face in a mirror;

24 for once he has looked at himself and gone away, he has immediately forgotten what kind of person he was.

25 But one who looks intently at the perfect law, the law of liberty, and abides by it, not having become a forgetful hearer but an effectual doer, this man will be blessed in what he does.

26 *If anyone thinks himself to be religious, and yet does not **bridle** his tongue but deceives his own heart, this man's religion is worthless.*

**Bridle** - lead by a bridle, to guide

“does not let his tongue be led or guided...”

**What should our tongue be “led” or “guided” by?**

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*27 Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of our God and Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the **world**.*

- the earth, or the inhabitants of the world
- "the ungodly multitude; the whole mass of men alienated from God, and therefore hostile to the cause of Christ"
- "worldly affairs; the total of things earthly; earthly goods, endowments, riches, advantages, pleasures, and philosophies etc., which, although hollow and frail and fleeting, stir desire, draw away from God and are obstacles to the cause of Christ"
- False teaching, practices, dogmas and doctrines of men
- Anything outside the Word of Truth

*"Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of our God and Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by things outside the Word of Truth."*

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***“Guide your tongue by the Word of Truth”***

27 Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of our God and Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their distress, and to *keep oneself unstained by the world*.

***“Abstain from anything outside to the Word of Truth”***

2:12 So *speak* and so *act* as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty.

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- Brought forth by the Word of Truth (18)
- Be quick to hear the Word of Truth (19)
- Be careful when speaking the Word of Truth (19)
- Don't react in anger to the Word of Truth (20)
- Humbly receive the Word of Truth (21)
- Be a doer of the Word of Truth (22)
- Guide your tongue by the Word of Truth (26)
- Keep unstained by anything outside the Word of Truth (27)
- We will be judged by the Word of Truth (2:12)

