

# Beware the Truth

James 1:18, 21-25

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<sup>18</sup> Because He decided to, He gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would be a sort of firstfruits among His creations.

...<sup>21</sup> Therefore, putting away all filthiness and abundance of malice,<sup>1</sup> in gentleness welcome the implanted word which is able to save your souls.

<sup>22</sup> But become<sup>2</sup> doers of the word, and not only hearers, deluding yourselves.

<sup>23</sup> Because if one is a hearer of the word and yet not

(James 1:18, 21-25)

a doer, this one has become like to a man contemplating the face he was born with<sup>3</sup> in a mirror,

<sup>24</sup> For he contemplated himself...and he has gone away! And immediately he forgot what he *looked* like.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>25</sup> But he who has looked closely into the perfect law—that of freedom—and stayed with *it*, not becoming<sup>5</sup> a forgetful hearer<sup>6</sup> but a doer of work, this one will be blessed in his doing.

Pastor Phillips' ad hoc translation of Greek text)

## Introduction:

### I. The Repeated \_\_\_\_\_

A. All \_\_\_\_\_ Have Knowledge (Romans \_\_\_\_:18, 21)

B. The More the Knowledge, the Greater the \_\_\_\_\_

Amos \_\_\_\_:2

Matthew \_\_\_\_:14–15

Luke \_\_\_\_:47, 48b

John \_\_\_\_:22

C. All \_\_\_\_\_ Have \_\_\_\_\_ Knowledge (James 1:18, 22a)

### II. The Real \_\_\_\_\_

A. Being \_\_\_\_\_

1. A \_\_\_\_\_ of this delusion (James 1:22-24)

2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of this delusion

a. Delusion is in our \_\_\_\_\_ (Proverbs \_\_\_\_:2a)

b. We can have a sound \_\_\_\_\_logy, yet be eternally deluded (Titus \_\_\_\_:16)

c. We can have a sound \_\_\_\_\_logy, yet be eternally deluded

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<sup>1</sup> Or *evil*

<sup>2</sup> Or *prove yourselves*

<sup>3</sup> Literally *the face of his birth*

<sup>4</sup> Literally *of what sort he was*

<sup>5</sup> Or *proving to be*

<sup>6</sup> Literally *hearer of forgetfulness*

3. The \_\_\_\_\_ of this delusion

4. One \_\_\_\_\_ of this delusion (Revelation \_\_\_\_:16-17)

**B. Being \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 25)**

1. Of \_\_\_\_\_

2. Of \_\_\_\_\_

**III. The Right \_\_\_\_\_**

**A. What It Requires**

1. Regarding \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 21a)

2. Regarding \_\_\_\_\_

a. \_\_\_\_\_ (*gentleness*, v. 21)

b. \_\_\_\_\_ (*welcome*, v. 21)

c. Commitment to instant \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 22)

d. Longterm intent \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 25a)

**B. What It Promises (v. 25)**

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_