

Beware the Truth

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James 1:18, 21-25

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¹⁸ 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.

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

²² But become² doers of the word, and not only hearers, deluding yourselves.

²³ 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 with³ in a mirror,

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

²⁵ But he who has looked closely into the perfect law—that of freedom—and stayed with *it*, not becoming⁵ a forgetful hearer⁶ 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

¹ Or *evil*

² Or *prove yourselves*

³ Literally *the face of his birth*

⁴ Literally *of what sort he was*

⁵ Or *proving to be*

⁶ 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. _____