**WHO SHALL BE BLESSED**

**James 1:19 – 27**

**INTRODUCTION:**

1. Notice several things worthy of our careful consideration (Jas 1:25).

 A. Resulting in the one doing those things “***Who Shall Be Blessed***” by God.

**BODY:**

**1. “WHOSO LOOKETH INTO THE PERFECT LAW OF LIBERTY”**

 A. In order to be blessed one needs to do more than just casually look into God’s Word.

 1. For this process to take place, one must engage in a diligent STUDY (Jn 5:39).

 B. The word “looketh” is used of one stooping sideways looking intently into something.

 1. The “glass/mirror” uses a certain amount of effort to acquire the intended outcome.

 C. So, it is with the one seeking to “***…Be Blessed***” of God.

 1. Where there is ***NO*** cross, there is ***NO*** crown!

 2. To take up the crown, one must take up the cross; it must be done first (Lk 9:23)T.

 E. To be blessed, one must be intently interested in what the perfect law of liberty says.

 1. To be anything less than intently interested is to be less than what God expects.

 **2. MUST CONTINUE THEREIN**

 A. One who seeks to “***…Be Blessed***” looks intently into God’s Word and keeps on looking.

 1. One does ***NOT*** look and see something one does ***NOT*** like, then quit looking.

 B. Who wants more than anything else to “***…Be Blessed***” by God (2 Tim 2:15).

 C. It is indicated one must have perseverance when it comes to “STUDY” of God's Word.

 1. It makes ***NO*** difference whether one likes the reflection seen or ***NOT***.

 2. Since the one seeking wants to “…***Be Blessed***” by God; will ***NOT*** look and forget.

 A. One looks, then makes the necessary changes to please God for His Blessings!!

 3. It is evident the one under consideration is ***NOT*** a hearer only, **BUT** a doer (Jas 1:22).

**3.** **IS NOT A FORGETFUL HEARER**

 A. To be a forgetful-hearer, is what characterizes one’s actions and purpose.

 1. One’s disposition is, what one hears one forgets.

 B. Essentially, the type of person where God’s Word comes in one ear, **BUT** out the other.

 1. One may attend WORSHIP services and never benefit due to ***NOT*** paying attention.

 A. “*PRAYER*” - “Now I lay me down to sleep....”

 2. To please God and be recipients of His Blessings, one must be desirous of His Word.

 A. “…*hunger and thirst*…” (Mt 5:6) – (**2** of the strongest drives within a person)

 B. “…*desire*…” (1 Pet 2:2) – (Literally, a “longing for” or an intense yearning).

 C. A contrast: between the one who hears & does / one who does ***NOT*** hear nor do.

**4.** **MUST BE A DOER OF THE WORK**

 A. The idea is one seeking to “…***Be Blessed***” literally is a “doer” of that work.

 1. Here is the contrast just mentioned.

 A. The one who is to “***…Be Blessed***” hears and does!

 B. This individual is characterized by their work.

 1. There is a correlation between faith and works (Jas 2:17 – 26).

 C. Surely, [we] can fully understand in order to please God and, therefore “***…Be Blessed***”

 by Him, one must do those things [*works*] found in the perfect law liberty (Jas 1:25).

 1. To do otherwise is to be unsuccessful [*fail*] (2 Pet 1:8 – 15).