**The Looking Glass (Part 2): Ravi**

James 1:22-25

Instructions

• Will you take your Bibles and turn to James 1:22-25?

• Please search the Scriptures with us. We’re in the New Testament, which is in the last quarter of the Bible. Don’t be afraid to use your index.

• If you don’t have a Bible but have a smartphone, you can download the Y-O-U Version Bible App. Once you download it, you can go to the “More” tab, tap “Events,” and find Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, and you can see the Scripture, notes, quotes, and references.

Context

In this section of Epistle of James, James, Jesus’ brother, shifts from instructions about life’s difficulties to pragmatic thoughts on the full implications of faith in Jesus. James reminds us a wise person will learn to control anger and eliminate one of the most common sources of hateful speech. In v. 19, James introduces the command to be “quick to listen.” Now he will unpack what it means to be “quick to listen.”

Bible Verse

**James 1:23-1:25 CSB**

Because if anyone is a hearer of the Word and not a doer, he is like someone looking at his own face in a mirror.

For he looks at himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of person he was.

But the one who looks intently into the perfect law of freedom and perseveres in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer who works—this person will be blessed in what he does.

How can we be quick to listen? Note these steps:

1. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ into God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**
   1. **Matthew 5:17 CSB** “Don’t think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to abolish but to fulfill.

Take Home Truth

1. **\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_!**
2. **\_\_\_\_\_\_ will \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you.**

“Do not set foot on the path of the wicked or walk in the way of evildoers. Avoid it, do not travel on it; turn from it and go on your way” Proverbs 4:14-15

My son, preserve sound judgment and discernment,

do not let them out of your sight;

they will be life for you,

an ornament to grace your neck.

Then you will go on your way in safety,

and your foot will not stumble;

when you lie down you will not be afraid;

when you lie down, your sleep will be sweet.

Have no fear of sudden disaster

or of the ruin that overtakes the wicked,

for the LORD will be your confidence

And will keep your foot from being snared.

Proverbs 3:21-26

# Pray

“Dear Jesus, I confess I am a sinner and deserve judgment and hell, but I believe You love, came to this earth for me, lived a sinless life, and died on the cross for my sins. I believe God raised you from the dead to forgive me. Please forgive me, come into my life, and grant me eternal life in You name. Help me to glorify you in all I do. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

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God, who has taught us your divine and saving oracles, enlighten the souls of us sinners for the comprehension of the things which have been before spoken, so that we may not only be seen to be hearers of spiritual things, but also doers of good deeds, striving after guileless faith, blameless life, and pure conversation. In Christ Jesus our Lord, with whom you are blessed, together with your all-holy, good, and quickening Spirit, now and always, and forever.