

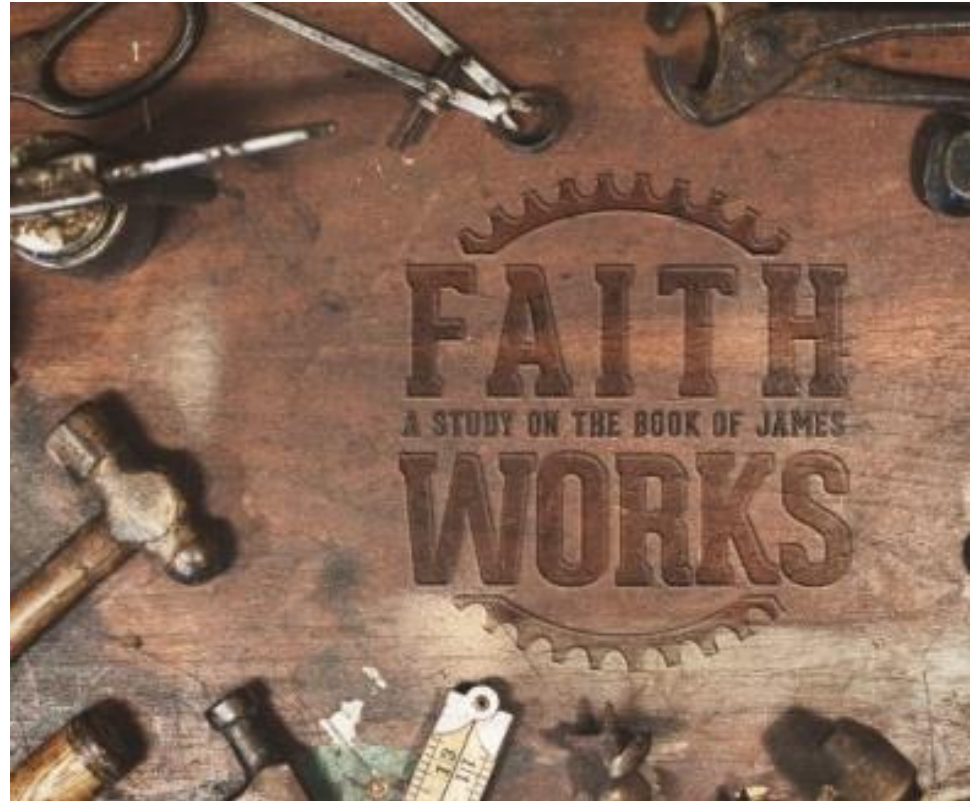
FAITH
A STUDY ON THE BOOK OF JAMES
WORK

**Encouraged by
Hearing and
Doing the Word**

James 1:19-27

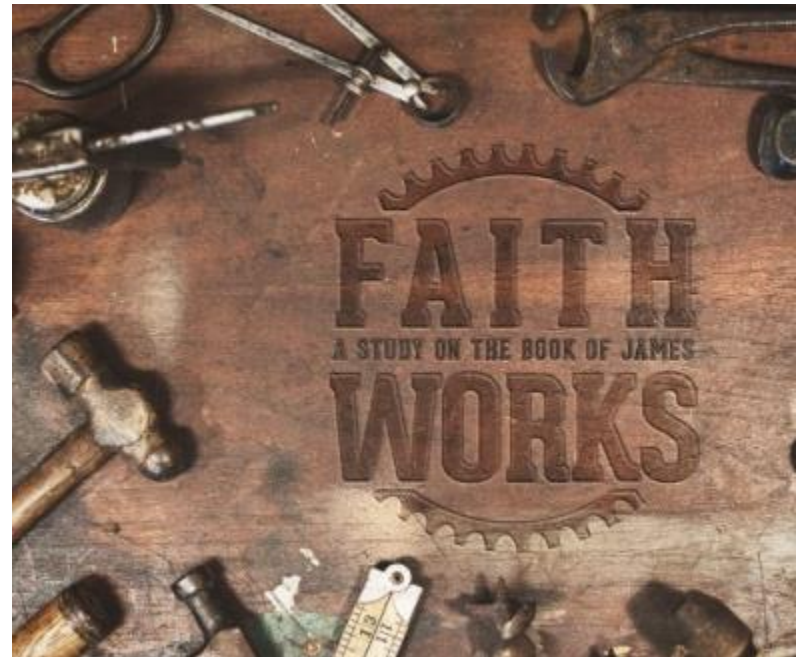
Introduction

- Life situation in the church
- Hearing and doing needed together
- Movement of chapter 1
- Issues of what makes true religion
- Assumes power of the Word
- Isaiah 55:11—word not return void



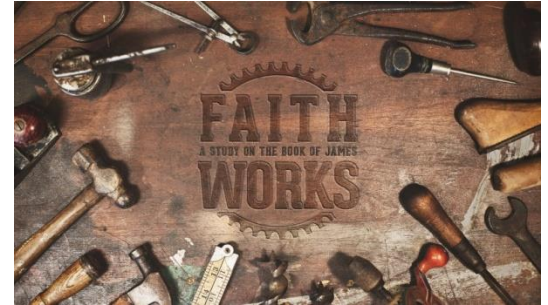
Issue of Anger

- **Wed eve lessons on anger**
- **Quick to listen, slow to speak**
- **V. 20—why it is important**
- **1 Timothy 2:8—lifting up holy hands**
- **Colossians 3:8—get rid of**
- **Ephesians 4:26-31**



Get rid of certain things

- **Moral filth (“filthiness”)**
 - **2:2 dirty clothes!**
 - **Revelation 22:11**
- **Evil so prevalent (“abounding of wickedness”)**
- **Moral lifestyle lived in wisdom**



Humbly Accept

- In humility—crucial in true religion
- Accept/receive—open to its teaching
- The implanted word—by God’s Spirit
- Able to –power of the word
- Save—life, person, and destiny
- Your souls—your being, & eternal



Self-deception

- **Command—be doers of the word**
- **Not hearers only**
- **“Deceiving yourselves”**
- **This is description of worthless religion**
- **Colossians 2:4—no one deceive you**
- **Jeremiah 49:16; Obadiah 1:3**
- **Self-deception and pride go together**



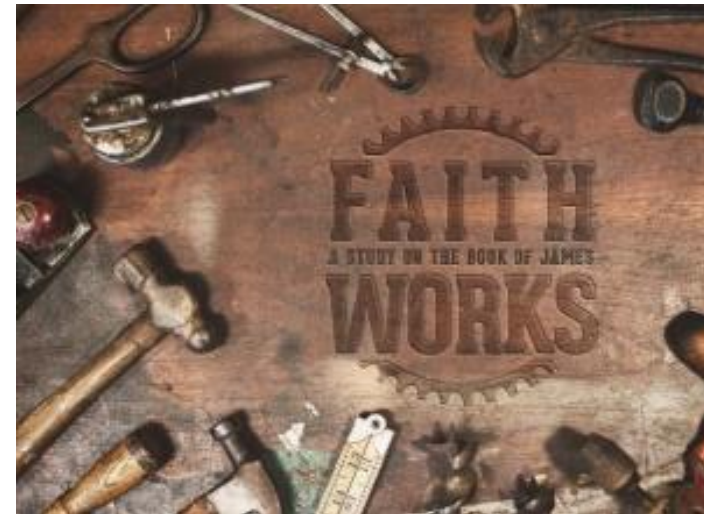
Metaphor/simile of the mirror

- **Hearer & not a doer**
- **Like looking at face in a mirror**
- **Considering/glance**
- **Immediately forgot what he was like**



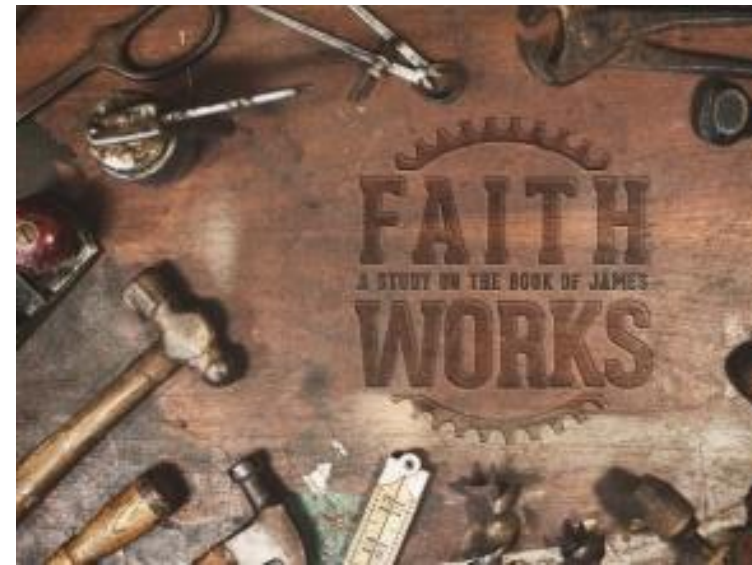
Blessed kind of doing

- Looked intently
- Into perfect law of liberty
- Having closely continued in it
- Not a forgetful hearer
- But a doer of the work
- This one blessed in his work—blessed life



Worthless Religion

- **Worthless 1 Cor. 15:17; 1 Peter 1:18; Acts 14:15; 1 Cor. 3:20; Titus 3:9 (section on godly living)**
- **Not bridling his tongue**
- **Deceiving himself—
twice reference now to self-deception, religion is meant to unmask us!**



Acceptable Religion

- Pure--motives
- Undefined—opposite of holy
- Visit—take care of, respond to their needs (Mt. 25:36,43)
- Keep oneself unspotted from the world

