

TOPIC: The righteous life that God demands

1. Read James 1:19-22

2. Regarding the text:

- (1) There are three prominent James in the NT.
 - a. James the son of Zebedee, the brother of John, he became the first of the apostles to suffer martyrdom.
 - b. James the son of Alphaeus; also called, James the Less.
 - c. James the brother of our Lord Jesus, the writer of this epistle.
- (2) This righteous man inspired of God, is therefore very qualified to speak to us about righteous living. He spoke as one who grew up with the Lord, understood his teachings but rejected Him, but later turned to Him with all his heart mind and soul. He experienced the growth and persecution of the Church of Christ; witnessed first hand the martyrdom of many Christians and was instrumental in the preservation of the Lord's Church through the most severe of trials.
- (3) It is this James who writes to us about righteous living. Living right with God. From his great epistle, we examine his exhortation to us, from chapter 1:19-22.
- (4) The brother of our Lord Jesus Christ exhorts us to do three things:
 - a. Get rid of all moral filth
 - b. Accept the word
 - c. Do what the word says.

DISCUSSION:

1. Get rid of moral filth. **James 1:21**

(1) Moral filth is sinful activities, thoughts and attitudes. Filth that tarnishes the soul.

(2) I Cor. 6:9-11

(3) Rom. 1:28-32

(4) These things separate us from God and choke up the pipeline of blessings from God.

- a. Consider the case of Achan – **Joshua 7:10-11;**
- b. **Joshua 7:13,**
- c. **Joshua 7:21**

- (5) James knows what he is talking about when we are told to get rid of all moral filth. We do this by obeying the gospel of Christ.
- a. **Mark 16:15-16**
 - b. **Acts 22:16**
 - c. **Rev. 1:5**
 - d. **2 Pet. 2:20-22** – Stop living in filth!
2. Accept the word, - “receive with meekness”
- (1) Peter says this is the word that is preached to you, **I Pet. 1:22-25**
 - (2) It is the power of God, **Rom. 1:16**
 - (3) It is living and powerful, **Heb. 4:12**
 - (4) They are the words of life – **John 6:63,68.**
 - (5) Hebrews 2:1-3**
3. Do what the word says. **James 1: 23-24**
- (1) The word is able to save your souls. (1:21) Jesus saves, but How? THE WORD. HIS WORDS. **John 2:5 – Jesus’ mother, “Whatever he says”**
 - (2) Preach the word, 2 Tim. 4:2**
 - (3) The word is to be obeyed, **Heb. 5:8-9**
 - a. **2 Thess. 1:8**
 - b. The wise obey the word, **Matt. 7:21-23; 24-27**
 - c. The word is a mirror, James

CONCLUSION:

1. This morning we have been discussing the topic: “The righteous life that God demands.
2. Towards this end, James the brother of Jesus our Lord, exhorts us to do three things:
 - (1) Get rid of all moral filth
 - (2) Accept the word
 - (3) Do what the word says.
3. Are you living with moral filth? Have you accepted the word?
4. Jesus Christ who died for you is calling you this morning to get yourself clean. Only the blood of Jesus can do this and He does it when you accept His word and obey it.
5. Are you ready to get your life in order? If yes please step forward and let us help you.