

**Alderwood Community Church**  
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***How to Listen to a Sermon***

James: A Faith that Works – Part 3

**James 1:19-27**

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**God's Word is to be carefully listened to and completely obeyed.**

1. Listen \_\_\_\_\_ . vv. 19-21

**Psalm 139:23-24** *“Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.”*

v. 21b *‘humbly accept’* **The \_\_\_\_\_ we place on God's Word impacts the way we listen to God's Word.**

**Psalm 19:10-11** *“They (the words of the Lord) are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the comb. By them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.”*

(See **2 Timothy 3:16**)

2. Obey \_\_\_\_\_ . vv. 22-27

*“Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.” **Psalm 1:1-3***

**Sermon Questions:**

Read **James 1:19-27**.

1. What does James say are some of the things that prevent us from receiving and applying God's Word in our lives?

2. What does James command his readers to do?

3. What does it mean to “receive” God’s Word? Why is humility so essential?

What other influences can make it hard sometimes for us to receive God’s words?

4. How is a person who hears without doing like a person who looks in a mirror and later forgets?

How can you avoid forgetting what God's Word tells you about yourself and what you should do?

5. Given what James says about our attitude toward God's Word, what needs to change in your life this week as you read your Bible?