

Worthless Religion vs. Pure Religion

(James 1:26-27; J. Scheumann for Sunday AM Worship; 7/31/2016)

Main Idea: James urges you to be a faithful doer of the Word by giving you three tests to see whether your religion is worthless or pure.

Test #1: If you do not bridle your tongue, you are self-deceived and your religion is worthless (v. 26)

3 Manifestations of an Unbridled Tongue

- 1.) Quarreling (James 4:1)

- 2.) Speaking evil against another (James 4:11)

- 3.) Grumbling (James 5:9)

Test #2: If you show practical love for the helpless, your religion is pure and undefiled (v.27a)

Orphans

Widows

Test #3: If you avoid the corrupting influences of the world, your religion is pure and undefiled (v.27b)

Worldliness in media

Worldliness in money

Conclusion exhortation: Trust that Jesus is Lord over all, and walk in full-hearted obedience to him.