

**GENUINE FAITH AND THE WORD OF GOD**  
**James 1:19-27**

- I. Hear God's Word during the trials of your life (19-20).**
- A. Hear the Word readily (19a).**  
Proverbs 1:5: **A wise man will hear and increase learning**, and a man of understanding will attain wise counsel.
- B. Hear the Word quietly (19b).**  
Proverbs 10:19: In the multitude of words sin is not lacking, **but he who restrains his lips is wise.**
- C. Hear the Word calmly (19c-20).**  
Ecclesiastes 7:9: **Do not hasten in your spirit to be angry**, for anger rests in the bosom of fools.
- II. Receive God's Word during the trials of your life (21).**  
Colossians 3:8: But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth.
- Romans 8:13: For if you live according to the flesh you will die; **but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.**
- III. Obey God's Word during the trials of your life (22-27).**
- A. Obeying God's Word involves personal responsibility (22).**  
Matthew 7:24-27: "Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, **I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock:** and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. **"But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand:** and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall."
- B. Obeying God's Word involves personal reflection (23-24).**  
Psalm 1:2: But his delight is in the law of the Lord, **and in His law he meditates day and night.**
- C. Obeying God's Word involves personal remembrance (25).**  
Jude 1:17: But you, beloved, **remember the words which were spoken before by the apostles** of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- D. Obeying God's Word involves personal righteousness (26-27).**  
Psalm 34:13: Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking deceit.