

1:19 So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath;

1:20 for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God.

1:21 Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

1:22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

1:23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror;

1:24 for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was.

1:25 But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.

1:26 If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one's religion is useless.

1:27 Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.

Good morning everyone.

Finally, the cafe opened by missionary teachers on Friday night. Many people from Shobara church attended and brought their friends, thank you very much.

This week we are only open on Thursday. Starting next week, we will be open on Thursdays and Fridays from 5:00 to 8:00 pm. Please pray for God's work in our ministry and fellowship. Also, from today to tomorrow, the Shobara Church School will be having an overnight camp. Please pray that the children and their parents will be further nurtured in their faith as they enjoy the Bible together, watch videos, sing praises, go out with fireworks, and have meals.

Now today is the concluding portion of James 1.

19 Beloved brethren. Know this. Every man should be quick to hear, slow to speak, and slow to anger.

These are words that are truly said. I believe these words are found in many other books besides the Bible.

People are slow to listen, quick to speak, and quick to anger. They are quick to get frustrated and criticize others. I am not good at listening to what others have to say, and I am always thinking about what I want to say. Because of this way of being a human being, interactions with others often do not go well. Even if we hide it well and mend it, the self-centeredness in

our hearts is always smoldering, and when something happens, it can explode.

20 For the wrath of man does not fulfill the righteousness of God.

21 Therefore, putting away all uncleanness and vile evil, receive with soberness the Word that is planted in your hearts. For in the Word is the power to save your souls.

For in the hearts of men "all filthiness and vain wickedness" are swirling about. Some have likened this to clear water after the mud has settled. Normally, when you look at the supernatant liquid, it looks clear and transparent, but when something happens and it swirls around in the glass, it instantly turns into a muddy brown water that you can't see anything in.

But the Bible has a solution. For those who are quick to anger, slow to hear, quick to speak, quick to quarrel, and full of "all filthiness and gross wickedness," the Word of God says, "I have found a solution for you.

For those who are quick to anger, quick to burn, quick to speak, quick to quarrel, full of "all filthiness and gross wickedness," the Word says, "Put away all filthiness and gross wickedness, and receive the Word that is implanted in your hearts. For in the Word is the power to save your souls.

Now I charge you who think of uncleanness and gross wickedness. Accept the Word that is planted in your hearts with an open heart. Then, you who are afflicted with your own filthiness, the Word of Truth has already been planted in your heart. Accept that Word, cast away "all defilements and gross evils" that come to mind from moment to moment, and rely on God with complete abandon. For in His Word is the power to save your souls.

For God has always softly cultivated our hearts and sowed the seed of the Word in our hearts, and it has been firmly planted in our hearts. Let it bear fruit.

In His Word is the power to save your souls. Take heed to this Word of salvation and fix your eyes on it. And each time, "Continue to put away all uncleanness and impurity," as indicated in the light of the Word of God. Is that not what is being said? In the Word is the power to save your souls, in the Word is the power to save your souls, in the Word is the power to save your souls! We are confronted with our own sinful nature, which comes up one after another like a black cloud, even though we remove "all the filth and gross wickedness" that overflows in our hearts. But even so, we are reminded by the Word of God and continue to remove them. And here is the way to make us even more pure.

22 And be a doer of the word. Do not be deceitful, and do not be hearers only.

23 For he who hears the word and does not do it is like a man who looks at his natural face in a mirror.

24 He looks at his reflection, and as soon as he leaves it, he forgets what he looked like.

25 Contrary to this, the man who looks single-mindedly and tirelessly at the law of perfect freedom is not one who hears and forgets, but one who actually does it. Such a person is blessed by his deeds.

Salvation is completed in a life of living with this fierce Word, that is, in a life of not only hearing the Word but also doing the Word, in a life of living the Word.

The Bible tells us that if we only listen to the Word of the Redeeming Love of Jesus Christ through the Cross, we are deceiving ourselves if we let the Word pass us by without listening to it, and if no response occurs, we are deceiving ourselves. It is just a mirror of one's natural appearance.

It is just like looking in a mirror at your natural appearance.

The newborn, just as it is, in its natural state, that is, in original sin, slow to hear, quick to speak, and quick to anger. It is the self with all the filth and outright evil swirling around in its heart. A mirror would be the words of the Bible. The biblical Word is a mirror for us, looking at it like an x-ray photograph, "The word of God is living and powerful, sharper than a brittle-edged pickaxe, piercing the spirit and the soul, joints and marrow, until it separates them, so that we may discern the thoughts and aspirations of the heart." (Hebrews 4:12) It can show us what the truth is.

What do we think? If we walk away from the mirror thinking, "Oh, how ugly I look," it is the same as if we had never looked in the mirror. Those who look in the mirror, wish for a solution, and actually take action are the ones who are worthy of looking in the mirror, the ones who can look in the mirror and make it useful.

25 Contrary to this, those who look single-mindedly and tirelessly at the law of perfect freedom are not those who hear and forget it, but those who actually do it. Such a person is blessed by his deeds.

John 8:31 Jesus said to those Jews who believed in him, "If you remain in my word, you are truly my disciples.

8:32 And ye shall know the truth. And the truth shall make you free.

The Bible is a book that tells us that God, in His overflowing love, offers grace and forgiveness to bring people to repentance, and in fact, He even spared the life of His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, to give us His own Son, God Himself. There is forgiveness and regeneration here, but only for those who desire it.

Doing the Word. What does that mean exactly? It is not something that involves fiercely wrestling with one's sins and stains and frantically trying to fix one's sleeping habits in front of the mirror. It is something much more proactive. It is about drawing closer to the image of God as expressed in His Word.

Ephesians 4:10 For He Himself, who came down, is at the same time the One who ascended up to the top of the fragile heaven to fill all things.

4:11 And He set up some as apostles, some as prophets, some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers.

4:12 And he set up the saints to do works of service, and to build up the body of Christ,

4:13 That we all may come to the unity of the faith in the Son of God, and of the knowledge of him; that we may be complete, and come to the fullness of the virtue of Christ.

1 John 4:18 For in love there is no fear. Perfect love removes fear. For with fear comes chastisement, and he who fears has not attained the fullness of love.

4:19 We love one another because God first loved us.

4:20 He who says, "I love God," and hates his brother, is a liar. He who does not love his brother whom he sees in the flesh cannot love God whom he does not see.

4:21 He who loves God should also love his brother. This commandment we have from God.

26 If a man professes himself to be pious, but does not control his tongue, but deceives his own heart, his piety is vain.

27 Pure and undefiled piety before God the Father is nothing else than to visit orphans and widows in need, and to keep oneself pure and untainted by the filthiness of the world.

This is the life of the believer before God.

2 Corinthians 11:22 Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? Am I also an Israelite? Are they Abraham's descendants? I also am.

11:23 Are they the servants of Christ? I say in my madness, I am more so than they. For I

have had more toil, and have been imprisoned more often, and have been whipped far more often, and have met with death more often.

11:24 Five times I received from the Jews a whipping that was less than forty; five times I received from the Romans a whipping that was less than forty,

11:25 Three times he was whipped by the Romans, once by a stone, three times he was shipwrecked, and once he drifted on the sea for a day and a night.

11:26 And he journeyed many times, and met with the tribulation of rivers, and with the tribulation of robbers, and with the tribulation of his own people, and with the tribulation of the Gentiles, and with the tribulation of the cities, and with the tribulation of the wilderness, and with the tribulation of the sea, and with the tribulation of false brothers,

11:27 And he labored and suffered, and often had sleepless nights, and was hungry and wretched, and often had no food, and was freezing cold, and was naked.

11:28 And besides all these things, there are the concerns of the churches which come to me daily.

11:29 How can I not be weak when someone is weak? 11:29 Shall I not be weak when any man sinneth, and my heart be not burned?

1 Corinthians 9:16 And if I preach the gospel, it does not make me proud. 1 Corinthians 9:16 For if I preach the gospel, it does not make me proud; for I cannot help it. If I do not preach the gospel, woe to me!

9:17 If you do it willingly, you will be rewarded. But if I do not do it willingly, it is a task that has been entrusted to me.

9:18 What then is the reward? To preach the gospel without price, and not to take advantage of my rights as a preacher.

9:19 I am free to all men, but I have willingly become a slave to all men, in order to gain as many as I can.

9:20 To the Jews I became as a Jew. For to gain the Jews, I have become a slave of all men willingly, that I may gain as many as possible. 9:21 And to those who are under the law, I myself am not under the law, but I became like one who is under the law, that I might gain those who are under the law. 9:22 For to him who is under the law I have become like a Jew, though I myself am not under the law.

9:21 To him who is without law - I am not outside the law of God, but in the law of Christ - I have become like a man without law. 9:22 For I have become to him who is without law - I am not out of the law of God, but in the law of Christ.

9:22 I have become weak to the weak. For to the weak he became weak, that he might gain the weak. To all men he became like all men. That he might somehow save some.

9:23 For the sake of the gospel I will do whatever it takes. 9:23 I will do whatever it takes for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in it.

Philippians 2:4 Consider not yourselves only, but also others.

2:5 And the same mind that ye have in Christ Jesus, let it be in you one toward another.

2:6 For though Christ was in the form of God, do not consider equality with God a thing to be adhered to; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is good and acceptable and perfect in the sight of God,

2:7 Instead, He humiliated Himself and took the form of a servant, taking the form of a man.

2:8 And he abased himself, and was not like unto man,

2:8 He humbled Himself, and was obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

2:9 Therefore God exalted him, and gave him a name that is above every name.

Philippians 2:17 And though I sprinkle my blood on the altar of your faith offerings, I will rejoice; and though I pour out my blood on the altar of your faith offerings, I will rejoice with you all. I will rejoice with all of you.

2:18 In the same way you also rejoice. Rejoice with me.

God's love is fulfilled in us if we follow in Jesus' footsteps and live with a loving heart. We love Jesus and we serve Him.

1 Peter 2:21 Ye have indeed been called to do so. Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example to follow in His footsteps.

Matthew 25:34 Then the King will say to those on his right, "Blessed are you, O ye blessed of my Father, come, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

25:35 When I was hungry, you shall feed me; when I was thirsty, you shall give me drink; when I was a sojourner, you shall give me lodging,

25:36 For when I was naked, you clothed me; when I was sick, you visited me; when I was in prison, you asked me.

25:37 Then the righteous will answer and say, "When, O LORD, did we give you food when we saw you hungry, and drink when you were thirsty?"

25:38 When did we see that thou art a sojourner, and lend thee lodging; when we saw that thou wast naked, and clothe thee?"

25:39 And when we saw thee sick and in prison, did we come to thee?"

25:40 And the king will answer and say, "I say to you well. What you did to one of the least of these, my brother, you did to me."

We desire to serve our suffering neighbors in the way the Lord serves us.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank you for today's worship. Thank you for opening the way of salvation, even though we are slow to hear, quick to speak, and quick to anger, and our hearts are moved by all kinds of dirt and overflowing evil. Please guide us this week so that we may become doers and not just hearers of the Word, so that we may finally know the Lord in the Word and grow even more in the likeness of the Lord God and as people of love. Bless our families and the people in our community. We pray in the name of the Lord Jesus. Amen.