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Worship Service
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JAMES: Real Faith, Real Life

Lesson Nine • James 1:26-27

True Religion

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True religion acceptable to God is REAL FAITH expressing itself in real life.

Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this... James 1:27

My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ... James 2:1

Three Tests of True Religion

Test 1: CONTROLLING Your Tongue!

A Bridled Tongue

A controlled tongue displays a CHANGED heart, therefore true Christians will have a measure of control over what they say (vs. 26).

Test 2: CARING for the Helpless!

Orphans and Widows

Orphans and widows were the most VULNERABLE people in Jewish society. They represent the destitute and defenseless members of society.

Caring for the Helpless

True religion that is acceptable before God the Father cares for those who cannot CARE for themselves (vs. 27).

Test 3: AVOIDING Worldliness in Your Life!

Problem with the World

The fallen world SYSTEM runs contrary to the ways of God and operates in opposition to the purpose of God.

Caution with the World

Keep yourself UNSTAINED from the world by living according to God's Word, not according to the system of this world (vs. 27).

The Gospel and True Religion

We need JESUS living in us to live out real faith in real life.

True religion demonstrates the Gospel of Jesus Christ by controlling our tongues, caring for the helpless, and avoiding worldliness in our lives.