

# JAMES

October 18, 2020

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## READ

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Mark 4:3-20

## QUESTIONS for REFLECTION

1. By what has God brought us forth or begotten us (v. 18)? What is able to save our souls (v. 21)? What are we, therefore, to be quick to hear (v. 19)?

What does *quick* suggest to you? (In contrast to what?)

2. How do “slow to speak” and “slow to anger” relate to hearing the word of truth? What benefit do they impart?

3. Where is the command in v. 21?

4. What imagery/metaphor is associated with receiving the word? (How fitting is it?)

Discuss this imagery in light of the Parable of the Sower (Mark 4:3-20).

5. What precedes receiving the word? Why is that?

What does “putting aside” mean?

6. How is the word to be received? What might that look like?

7. How is the word “able to save your souls”? (What role does it play?)

8. What is the command in v. 22?

9. What stands in contrast to the command?

How is this person further described (vv. 23-24)?

10. How does the word of truth act as a mirror (v. 25)? (What does a mirror do?)

What two or three benefits result from correctly using the word as a mirror?

## **PERSONAL RESPONSE**

1. I will be quick to hear this week by . . .

2. I will receive the word implanted this week by . . .

3. I will be a doer of the word this week by . . .