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Remember Who You Are

James 1:22-25

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it – he will be blessed in what he does.

Verses of Focus

v. 23-24: Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who *looks at his face* in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately *forgets what he looks like*.

v. 25: But the man who *looks intently* into the *perfect law* that *gives freedom*, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it – he will be blessed in what he does.

Discussion Entry Question

⇒ Can we forget who we are?

Who Are We?

1. We are the highlight of creation.
 - ⇒ We were the last act of creation.
2. We are created in the image of God.
 - ⇒ Genesis 1:26
 - ⇒ Image is primarily functional and carries responsibility.

3. We are specifically created male and female.

- ⇒ Genesis 1:27
- ⇒ The image of God is primarily communal – not individual!

4. We have been given responsibility as the bearers of the *image of God* on the earth.

- ⇒ Genesis 1:28a
- ⇒ We are God's representatives.

5. We have been given dominion in God's creation

- ⇒ Genesis 1:28b
- ⇒ Dominion is given and must be extended.
- ⇒ We were not given rule over *God* or *each other*, but over creation.

Remember Who We Are

- ⇒ James 1:25 and Galatians 5:22-23
- ⇒ God is not out to restrict freedom – in Him there is freedom!
- ⇒ Galatians 5:1
- ⇒ The 10 Commandments (Exodus 20:1-17) are not an unattainable, restricting moral code – rather they form the building blocks for humane living!