

**Faithful Actions Reveal Our  
Righteousness of God**

**James 1:19-27**

**Listening & Doing**

## **Hearing and Doing the Word - ESV**

**<sup>19</sup> Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; <sup>20</sup> for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. <sup>21</sup> Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.**

**<sup>22</sup> But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. <sup>23</sup> For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. <sup>24</sup> For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. <sup>25</sup> But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres (continues in – NKJV), being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing. ESV**

**<sup>26</sup> If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup> Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.**

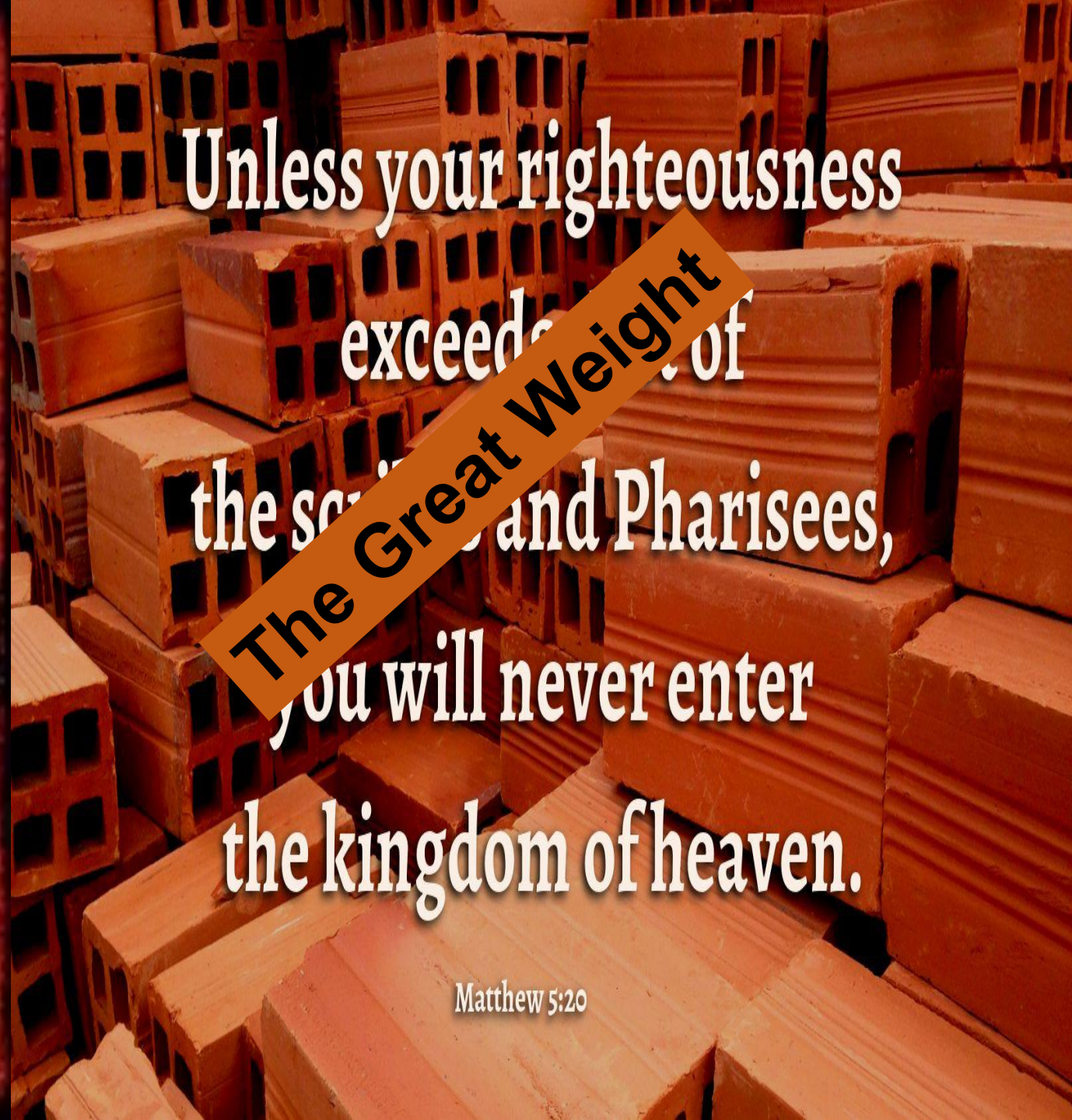
For HE made Him  
who knew NO SIN  
to be sin FOR US,  
that we might BECOME  
the righteousness  
of GOD in Him.

2 Corinthians 5:21



Unless your righteousness  
exceeds that of  
the scribes and Pharisees,  
you will never enter  
the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:20



The Great Weight

**Restore us to You, O LORD, that we may  
be restored; Renew our days as of old,  
— Lamentations 5:21 (NASB<sup>®</sup>)**

**Turn us back to You, O Lord, and we will  
be [a]restored; Renew our days as of old, NKJ**

**Restore us, O Lord, and bring us back to you  
again! Give us back the joys we once had! NLT**

**The Great Exchange restores us; the  
Weight of the Pharisees destroys us.**

# I. Waiting before Responding – vv19-20

Know this, my beloved brothers let every person be

Quick to Hear

Slow to Speak

Slow to Anger

James 1:19

# **The Progression Towards Evil Actions:**

**Bitterness – smoldering resentment**

**Anger – internal smoldering**

**Wrath/clamor – wild outrage; shout outcry,  
public outburst.**

**Malice – general term for evil; root of all vices  
towards others.**

**Slander/strife – ongoing defamation from a bitter  
heart. Open conflict between parties.**



**Matthew 12:34 – “Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.”**

**Proverbs 10:21 – “The lips of the righteous feed many.”**

**Proverbs 12:18: “the tongue of the wise brings healing.**

**Proverbs 12:6 “the mouth of the upright deliver men.**



**II. Wickedness Renounced; the Word of God Received – v21**  
Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.

(James 1:21 NIV)

## **Lay aside:**

- **Taking the name of the Lord in vain.**
- **Trivializing Terrible Realities by saying: Holy cow, go to Hell, damn it, Holy mackerel, Jes.**
- **Referencing sex and the body in vulgar ways, the four-letter words.**
- **Speaking in mean spirited ways.**

**Now receive with humility the Word of God.**

- **Calvin: humility or meekness: “the mind disposed to learn.”**
- **Christians are born again through an imperishable seed which is the word of God, I Peter 1:23.**
- **And the Word grows in you taking you from milk to meat. Hebrews 5:12**

## **Saves our souls: Salvation is threefold:**

- Past: received forgiveness of sins from the Lord.**
- Future: complete salvation through our sanctification to our glorification.**
- Present: Here the word save is present tense, that the word implanted saves our souls on a daily experience of what the Lord has done and is doing in our lives.**

### **III. Word of God Causes Perserving Reactions – vv22- 27**

**Controlled  
Tongue v26**

**Doer of The Word  
Moves One into  
Action**

**Compassion for  
the orphan  
and  
widow.  
v27a**

**Unstained by  
the world. v27b**

**move**

***God is most glorified in us when  
we are most satisfied in Him. John Piper***

**DELIGHT IN THE LORD  
AND HE WILL GIVE YOU  
THE DESIRES OF YOUR  
HEART**



**PSALMS 37:4**

***Grace is God's giving us sovereign joy in God  
that triumphs over joy in sin. Augustine***