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Subject: Be Ye Doers - James 1:22

"But be ye doers of the Word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves."

- James 1:22

There are two kinds of people who read the Bible, here in James 1:22 they are called "doers" and "hearers."

The "hearers" are those who hear the Word of God, but they do not do the Word of God; and although they may have faith... it is dead.

"Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone." - James 2:17

They are like the Athenians who spent their time in nothing else, but either to tell, or to hear some new thing. (cf. Acts 17:21); but the new things only serve to distract us from the right things, the "old paths."

"Thus saith the LORD, stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls..." Jeremiah 6:16

This is what God had Jeremiah go and tell His people, but what did they say? Do you remember?

"But they said, We will not walk therein."

"Hearers"... but not "doers"; and because they never "do" what they hear, they are like those who David describes in Psalm 55:19 who, "... have no changes."

On the other hand, the "doers" in James 1:22 are those who, first, are made spiritually perfect in Jesus Christ; and second, they seek to keep His commandments by a new heart of "faith which worketh by love." (Gal. 5:6).

Now it's easy to point the finger at others and say, "He's a phoney... he's just a hearer... he's not a doer..." but the finger of God... is pointing at you! Are you just a hearer? Are you ~~just~~ not a doer?? And if you are a "doer"... is it only in the presence of other people???

Hypocrisy does not please God, nor is He fooled by it

"Be not deceived; God is not mocked..."

- Galatians 6:7

So you can't deceive God, you're probably not deceiving others... so wake up, because the only one you're deceiving, is your own self.

Let us never be content to be a mere "hearer" of the Word of God; rather, let us serve God acceptably with a living faith in Jesus Christ and so live and walk in the Spirit which He gave us,

"And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit."

- Galatians 5:24-25

Ever gratefully,

Your servant for Jesus' sake,

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- 2 Cor. 4:1-5

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling, Wesley 1747.

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven to earth come down:
fix in us Thy humble dwelling,
all Thy faithful mercies crown:
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love Thou art;
visit us with Thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit
into every troubled breast;
let us all in Thee inherit,
let us find the promised rest:
take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver,
let us all Thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
pray, and praise Thee, without ceasing,
glory is Thy perfect love.