

DOERS OF THE LAW?

James 1:22-25

I. **Hearing** Is Important!

- A. Romans 10:14 ...and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not **heard**?...
- B. Romans 10:17 So then faith cometh by **hearing**, and hearing by the word of God.
- C. **Hearing** only, simply soothes our conscience.
- D. **Hearing** profits when, and only when, it produces change in our life!

II. The Head of The Church Says...

- A. Matthew 7:21 **Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.**
- B. Matthew 7:24 **Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock.**
- C. Matthew 7:26 **And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand.**
- D. Jesus is concluding: Hear + Do = Salvation

III. Faith by Works

- A. Jesus does not add works to faith but explains the power of **faith by works**.
- B. James 2:14-26
- C. Faith without works is like a song you can't sing. It's as worthless as a screen door on a submarine.

IV. Works Brings Justification

- A. Romans 2:13 (For not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the **doers** of the law **shall be justified**.)
- B. 1 John 3:7 Little children, let no man deceive you: he that **doeth righteousness is righteous**, even as he is righteous.
- C. 1 John 3:10 In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosever **doeth not righteousness is not of God**, neither he that loveth not his brother.

D. James 4:17 Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and **doeth it not**, to him it **is sin**.

V. Jonah Without Works

- A. Jonah 1:1 The word of the Lord comes to Jonah
- B. Jonah 1:2 Jonah hears the word
- C. Jonah 1:3 Jonah does not do God's will
- D. Jonah 1:4-17 Jonah is punished

VI. Jonah With Works

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VII. Conclusion

- A. Hearing and not doing is unacceptable to God!
- B. True faith brings works.