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- ◆ Jesus was COMMITTED to obeying His Father - Mat 26:36-46
- ◆ Jesus was obedient to His Father in ALL THINGS! - Phil 2:6-10; Heb 5:8,9
- ◆ What is our ATTITUDE toward God's word? - Ps 119:97-104; Mat 7:24-25

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²⁶ If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one's religion is useless. ²⁷ Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, *and* to keep oneself unspotted from the world.



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“GOD IS GOOD!”

- ✦ Don't blame God for Your trials - (1:2-12)
- ✦ Don't blame God for your temptations - (1:13-16)
- ✦ God is the source of all that is good - (Ps 84:11; Mat 7:11; Luke 11:11)
- ✦ God is not moody - (Mal 3:6; Heb 1:12; 13:8)

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- ◆ “Of His own will” - God's begetting us is of his own free will (Jn 1:12-14, Eph 1:3-6). He was and is under no constraint or obligation to man.
- ◆ God's offer of salvation was a conscience choice proceeding from His love & mercy - (Jn 3:16; Rom 5:8; Eph 2:5-10; Tit 3:3-5)

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- ◆ Vs. 14-15 gave the genealogy of sin. Vs. 18 gives the genealogy of righteousness.
- ◆ “The word of truth” - is God's means of saving, i.e. regenerating men - (Acts 2:37; Rom. 1:16,17; 10:14-17; 2 Thes 2:13-15; 1 Pet 1:22-2:3)



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CHRISTIANS BELONG TO GOD

- ◆ As regenerated people, we ourselves become the firstfruits, new creatures - (1 Pet 1:3-5; 22,23, 2 Cor 5:17, Gal 6:15).
- ◆ For this reason, it is only reasonable that we present our bodies as living sacrifices to him - (Rom 12:1; 1 Cor 6:20;).

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- ◆ **“Know this”** (ESV) or **“This you know”** (NASB) - (1:19) - Because of the reasons just before presented - (*only good comes from God - especially His word by which we can be saved*)
- ◆ Many are not good learners because they are not good listeners - (*filled with pride & selfishness*) - Ez 33:30-32



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- ◆ Swift to hear - (Prov 2:2; 4:20; cf Prov 4:1-19; 22:17-21) *an ear bent to hearing God's word*
- ◆ Slow to speak - (Eccl 5:2,3) - *Can't hear God's word while blaming Him for our problems & sin - speaking our opinions & preconceived ideas.*
- ◆ Slow to wrath - (cf Acts 7:51-58; 26:9-11) *Wrath can prevent an honest investigation of the truth.*




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- ◆ “Selfish anger” doesn't bring about the will of God and keeps one from being right with God. - (Luke 4:28)
- ◆ An angry man and his tongue - (James 3:8-12; Eph 4:31),
- ◆ An angry man & mercy - (Romans 12:19; Mat 6:38-42)
- ◆ An angry man & love - (Mat 5:43-48; cf. Mat 5:21-26)




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- ◆ Concerning John the baptizer – Mat. 11:15
- ◆ The parable of the sower – Mat. 13:9, 13-17
- ◆ Explanation of the parable of the tares – Mat 13:43
- ◆ Seven churches of Asia – Rev 2:7,11,17,29: 3:6,13,22

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- ◆ "Get rid of" - in the original language, means to strip away, to take off -
- ◆ It is in the passive voice meaning that it is something we are to do ourselves - (Rom 13:12; Eph 4:22; Col. 3:5-8; Heb 12:1; 1 Pet 2:1)




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- ◆ All filthiness" - ῥυπαρία, rhyparia
- only here in NT - denotes "dirt,
filth" . . . used metaphorically of
moral "defilement" - Vine's -
- ◆ "Overflow of wickedness" - κακία,
kakia - primarily, "badness" in
quality (akin to A, No. 1), denotes
(a) "wickedness, depravity,
malignity," - Vine's - (cf Rom 13:12;
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- ◆ “Receive” - a deliberate and ready acceptance - requires prepared soil, Mat 13:23
- ◆ “with meekness” - the opposite of wrath - willing to be taught and led by God - (1 Thes 2:13)
- ◆ “The implanted word” - that which you have been taught - (Luke 8:11)



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- ◆ Which is able to save your
souls” - faith comes by
hearing the word of God -
(Rom 10:17; John 6:44,45)
- ◆ The gospel is God's power to
save - (Rom 1:16,17)
- ◆ Must hold on to the gospel -
(1 Cor 15:1,2)

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✦ Faith without works is dead -
(James 2:14-26; Heb 11:1-12:2)

✦ We must hear the message,
cooperate with the message,
conform to the message and
submit to the message - Rom
10:17; Luke 6:46; Mat 7:21-23;
John 14:15; Heb 5:8,9

✦ We have a very active role to
play in the purposes of God and
our own salvation - Phil 2:12

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Salvation by grace through faith -

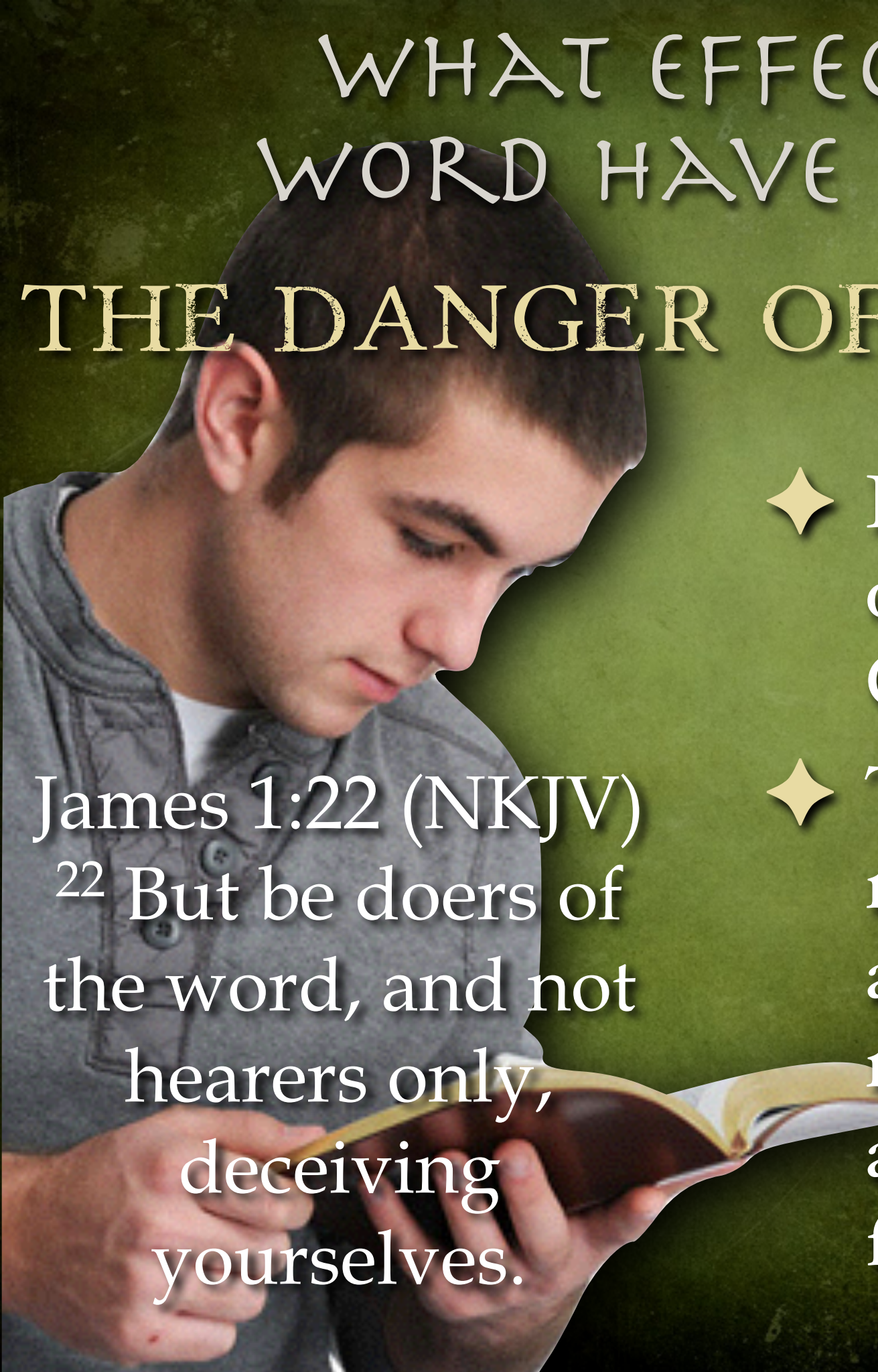
THE PRINCIPLE -



- ◆ Noah - Gen. 6:8,13-17; 22; 7:5; Heb 11:7
- ◆ Abraham - Gen 12:4; 15:6; 17:10,23; 22:3,16-18
- ◆ Israel - Exo. 12:13; 14:30; Deut 30:15-19; Jos 6; 1 Cor 10:1-13
- ◆ Us - Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 8:12,37; Rom 6:3-6; 10:9-13; Gal. 3:26,27; Col. 2:11-13; 1 Pet 3:21;

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THE DANGER OF SELF DECEPTION



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- ◆ How easy is it to deceive ourselves? - vs 16; Gal 6:7; 1 Cor. 15:33; 2 Cor 13:5
- ◆ The illustration - 23-25 - A man who is a hearer but not a doer of the word is like a man who looks at himself in a mirror - and then turns away forgets what he looked like.



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“THE PERFECT LAW OF LIBERTY”

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in what he does.

- ◆ To be blessed in what we do,
we must “look into the perfect
law of liberty and continue in
it” - and be a “doer of the
work” - vs. 25
- ◆ The gospel of Christ is
referred to as LAW - Rom 8:2;
Gal. 6:2
- ◆ It delivers men from slavery of
sin This is true liberty. (John
8:32; Rom 5:9; Rom 7; Gal 5:1-4)

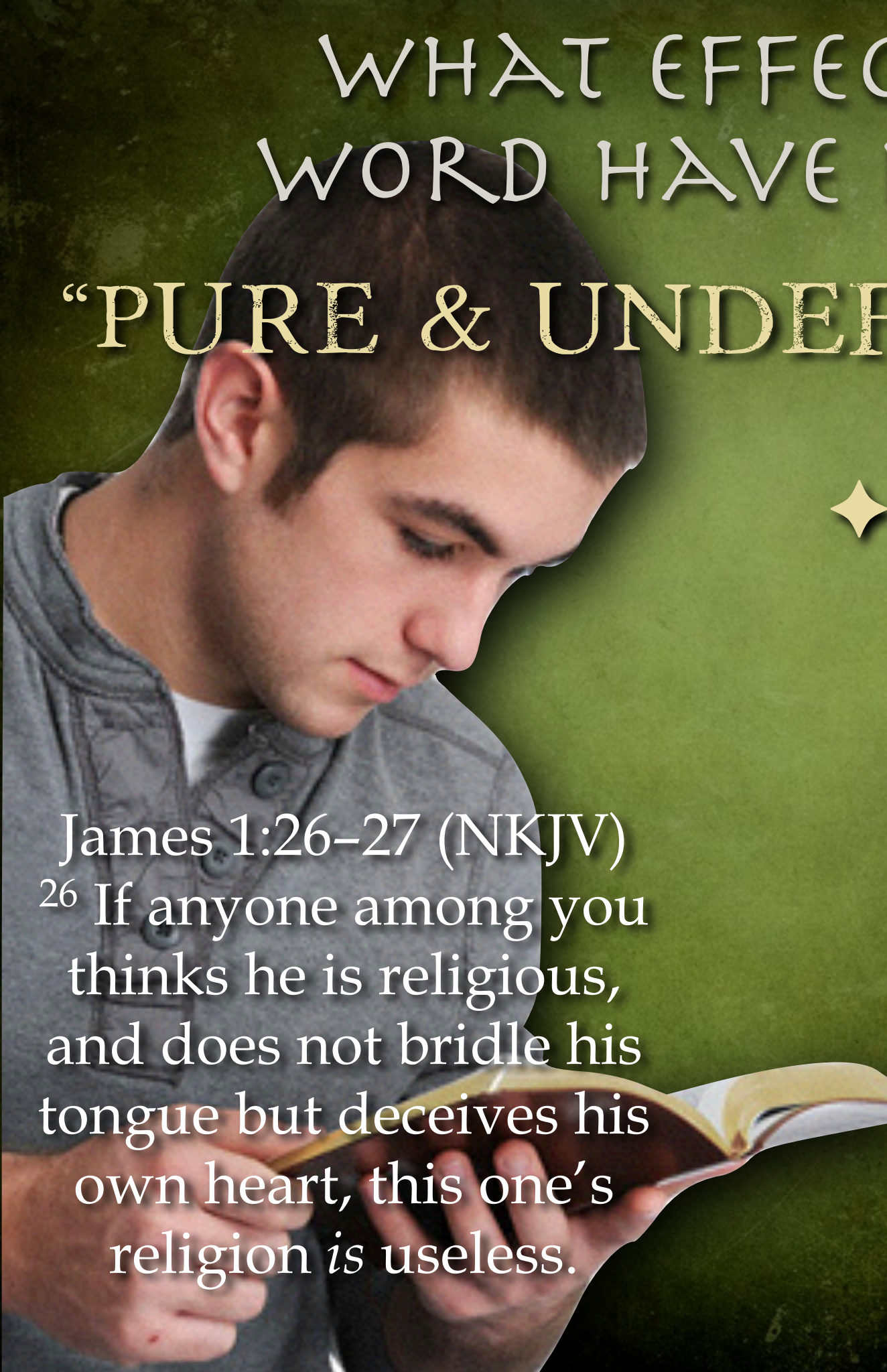
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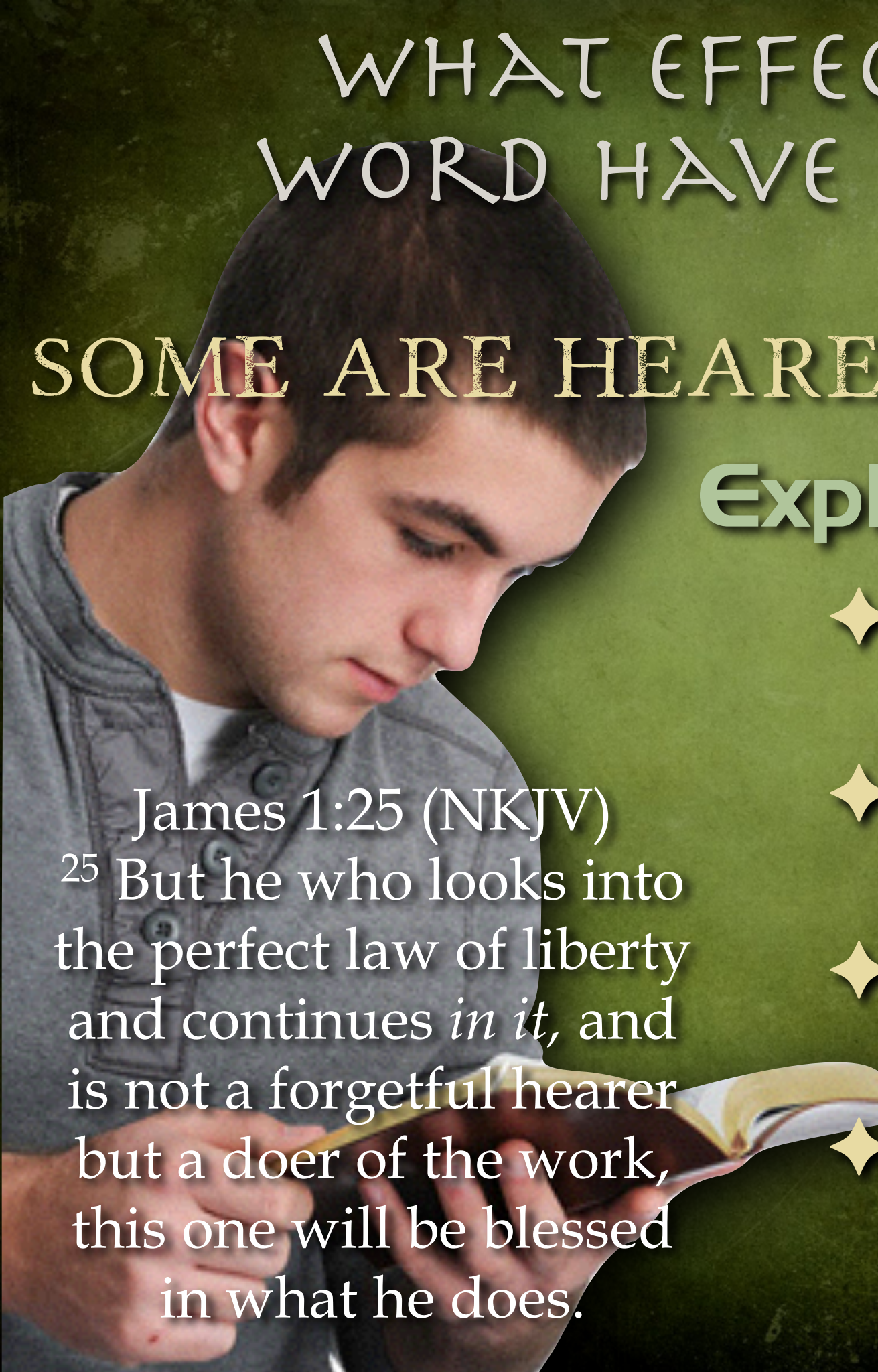
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- ◆ We visit, (help) those less
fortunate, (*orphans and widows*)
- 27; Acts 6:1-7; 1 Tim 5:3-16
- ◆ We keep ourselves unspotted
from the world - (1 John 2:15-17;
2 Cor. 6:14-7:1; Titus 2:11,12; 1
Thes 5:21,22; 1 Pet 4:1-4)

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SOME ARE HEARERS BUT NOT DOERS

Explains Why:

- ◆ Plain passages are sometimes rejected.
- ◆ Many people will not engage in Bible study and discussion.
- ◆ It is hard to explain things to some folks.
- ◆ Preaching the truth on a problem doesn't always solve the problem.



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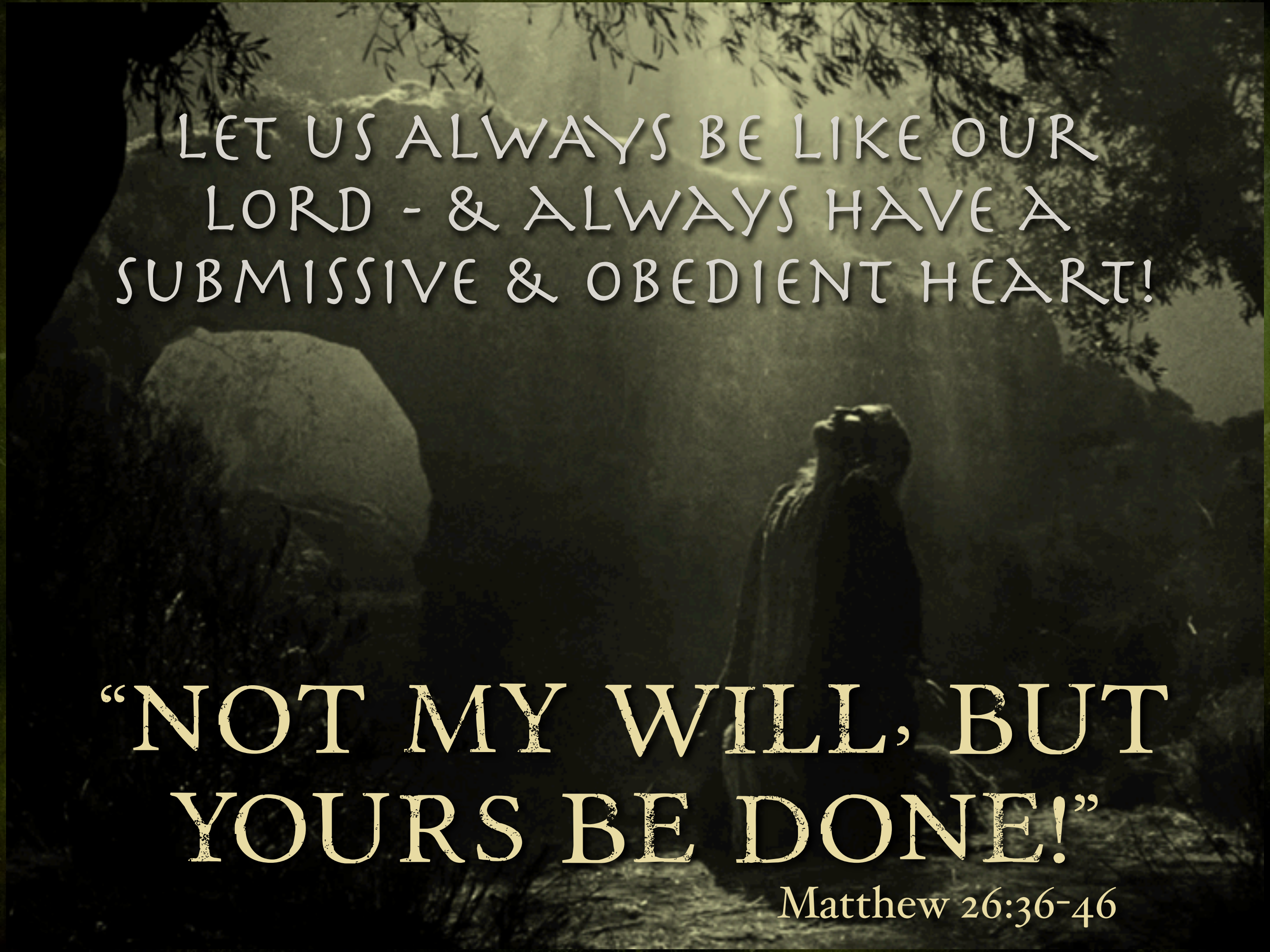


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KEYS TO BEING DOERS & NOT HEARERS ONLY

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- ◆ Fear - Prov. 1:7; Eccl. 12:13
- ◆ Humility – Mat 5:3; Jer. 10:23;
Isaiah 66:2;
- ◆ Meekness - James 1:21
- ◆ Honesty / Integrity – Acts 17:11;
- ◆ Study / Examination – Acts
17:11; 2 Cor. 13:5; 2 Tim 3:16,17
- ◆ Application – James 1:22-26
- ◆ Diligence – 2 Peter 1:5,10; 3:14



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MATTHEW 7:21-27 (NKJV)

²¹ “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. ²² Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’

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²³ And then I will declare to them,
'I never knew you; depart from Me,
you who practice lawlessness!' ²⁴

"Therefore whoever hears these
sayings of Mine, and does them, I
will liken him to a wise man who
built his house on the rock:

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²⁵ and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. ²⁶ “But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand:

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