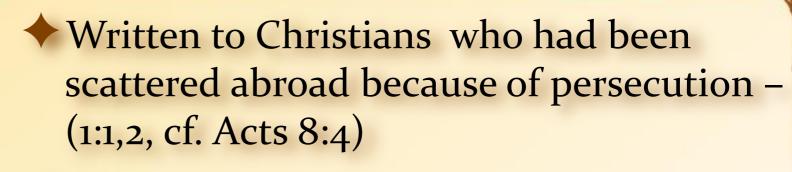
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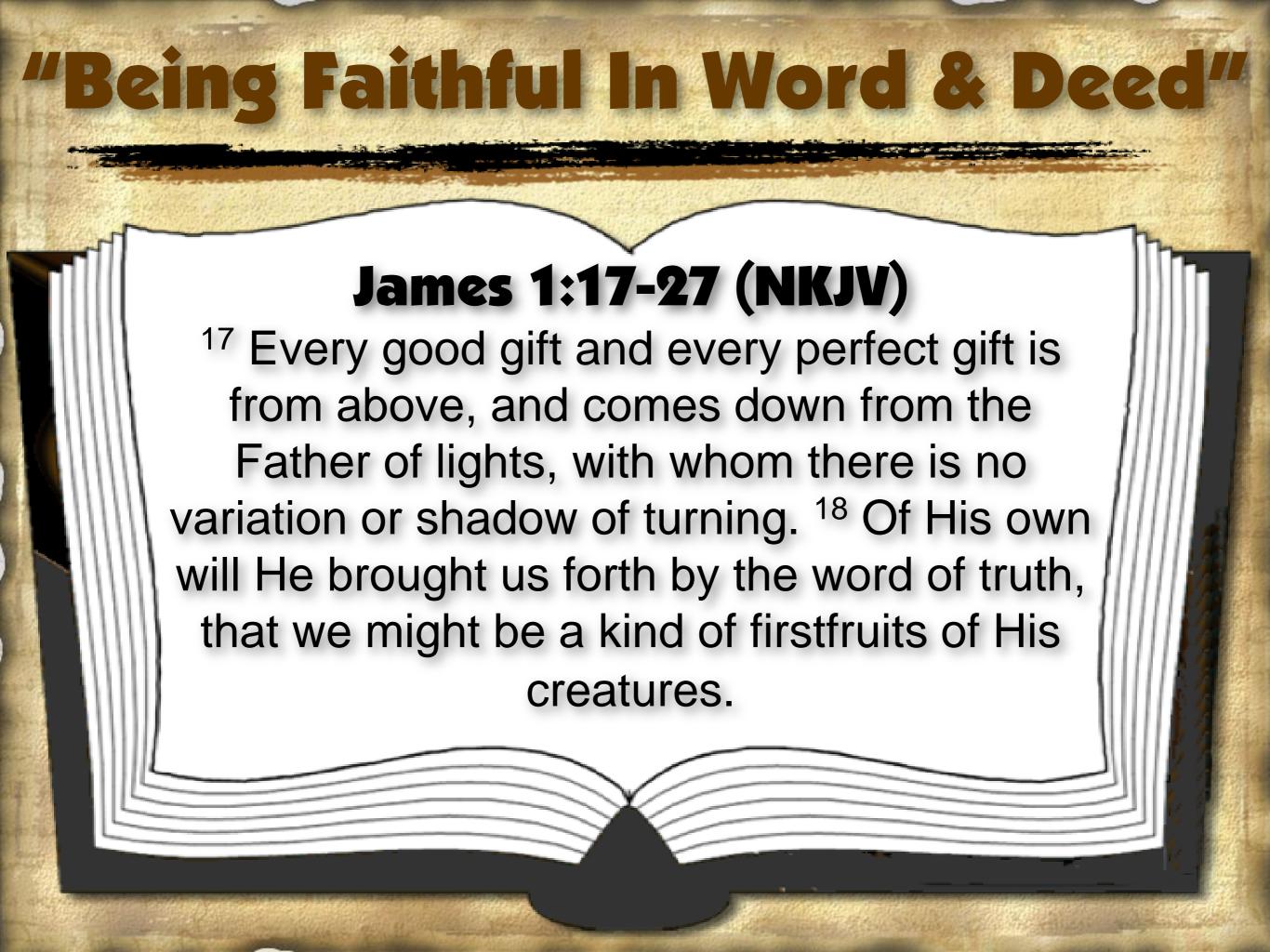
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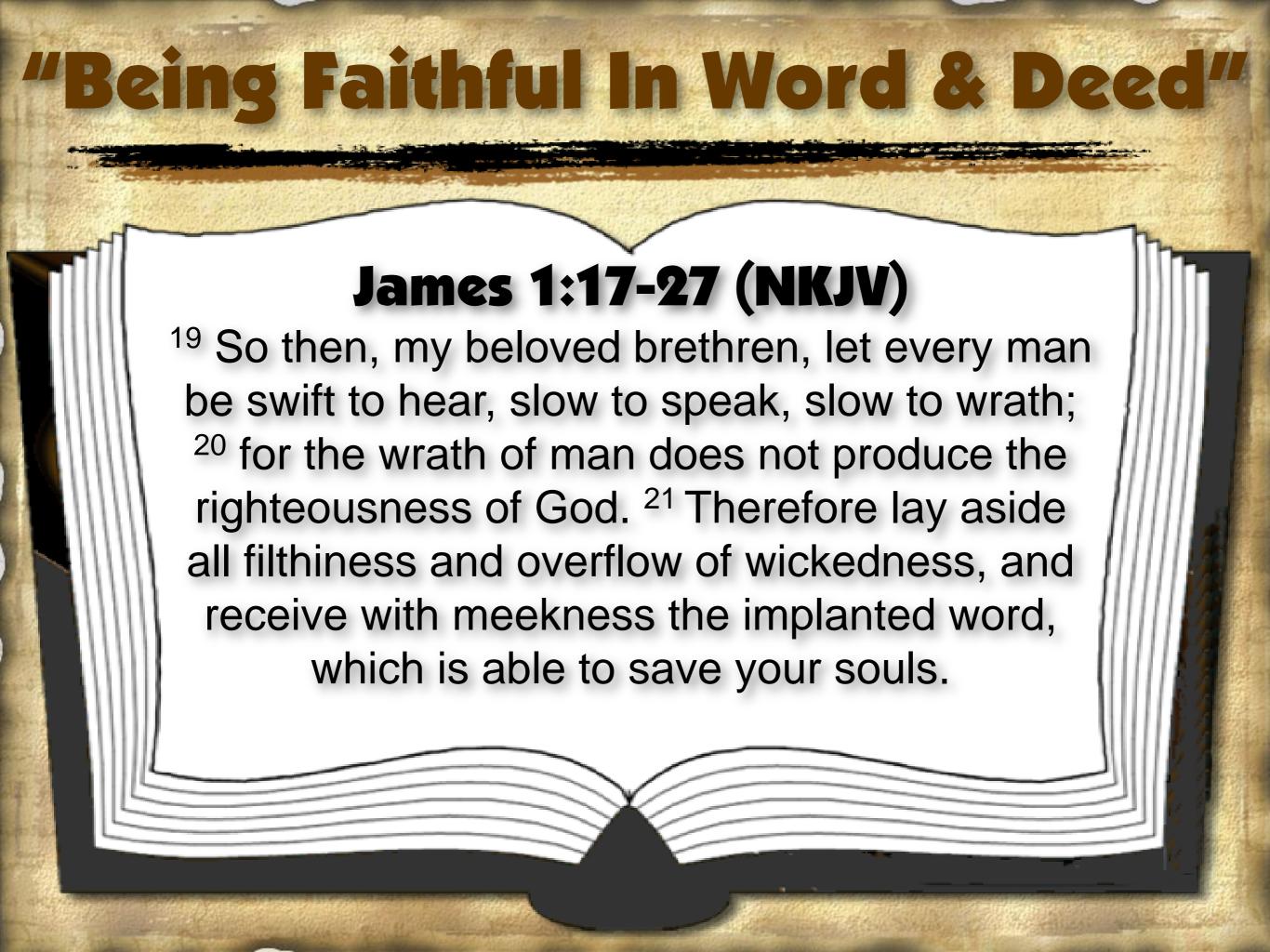


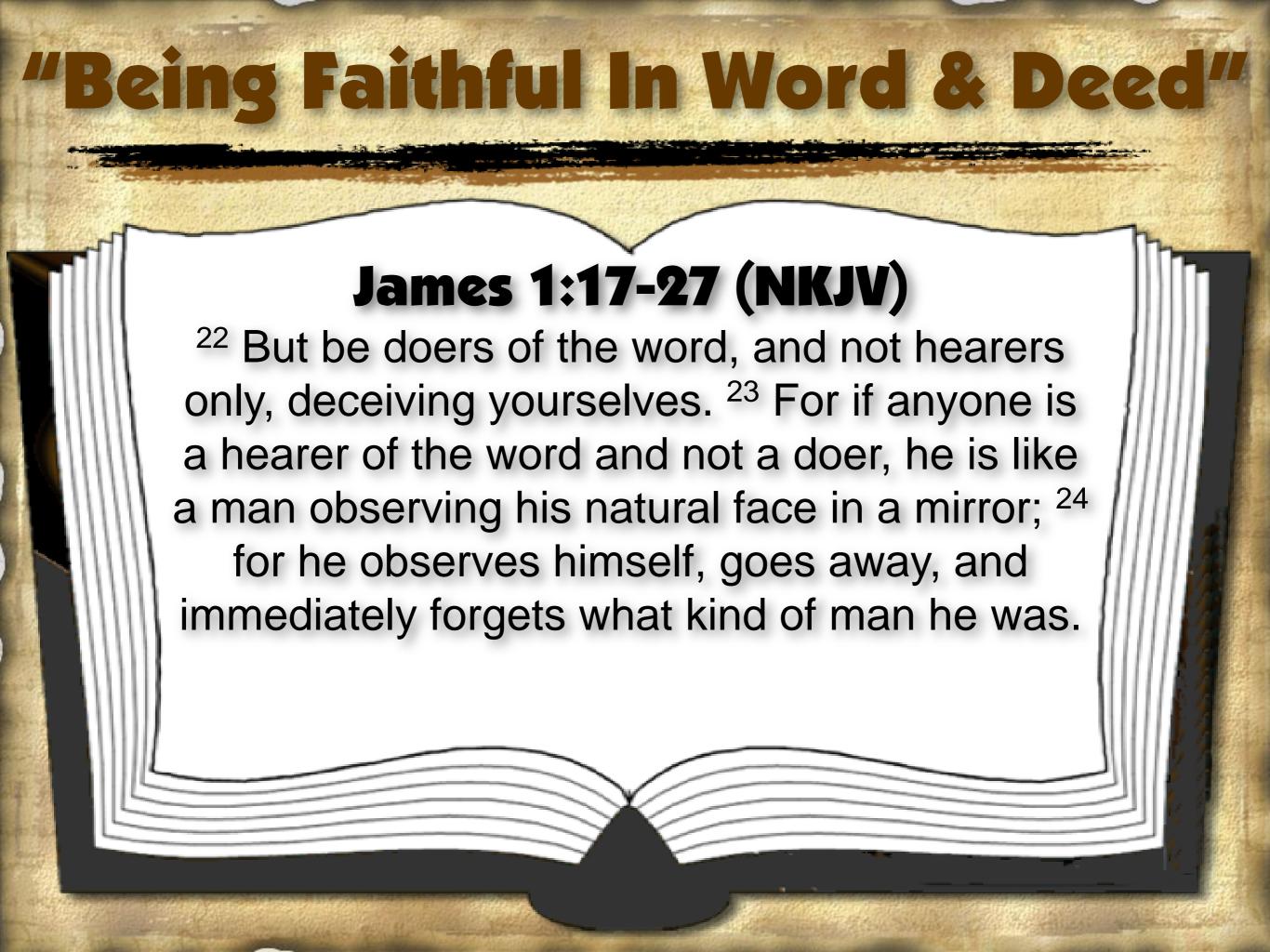
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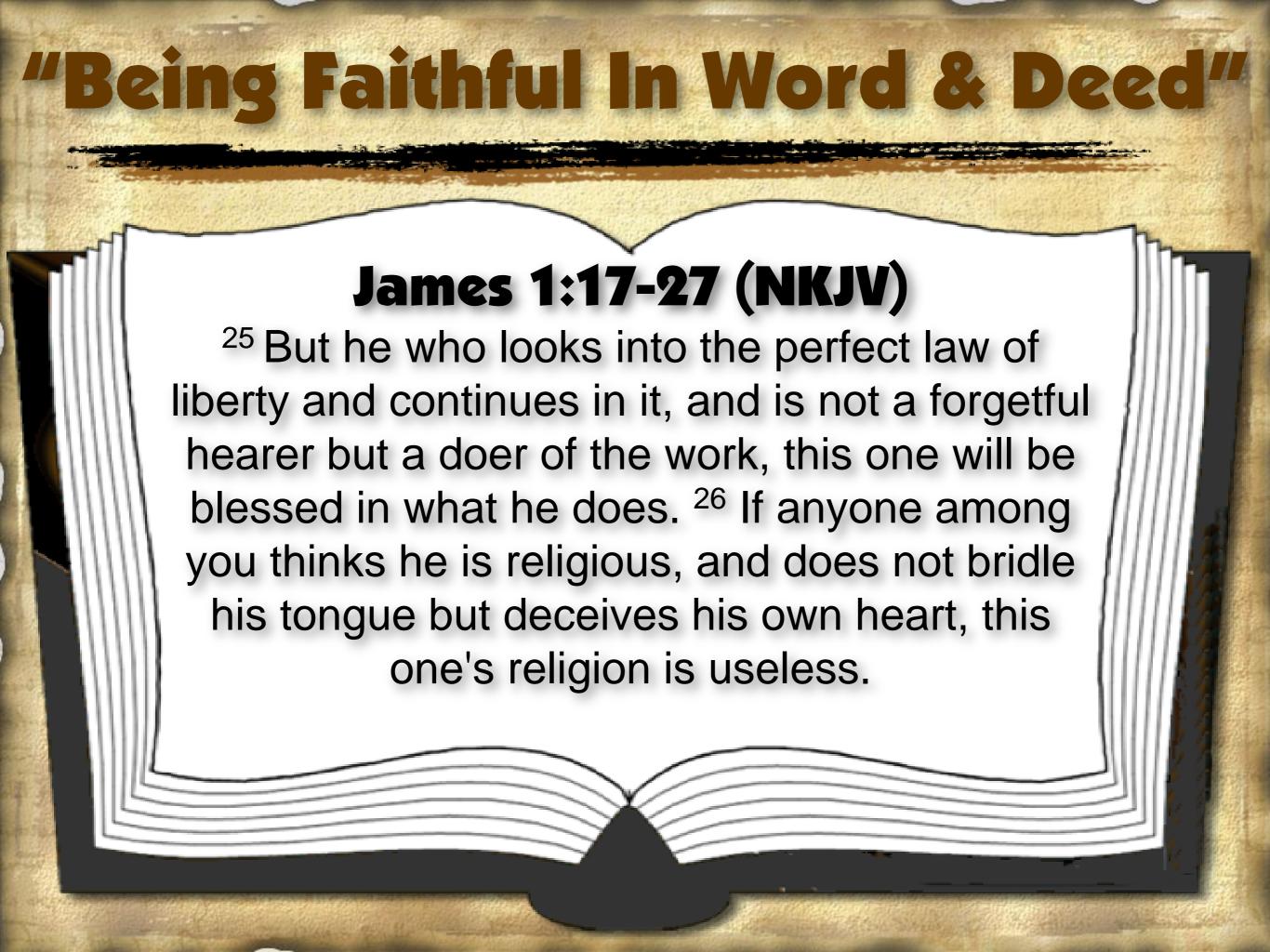
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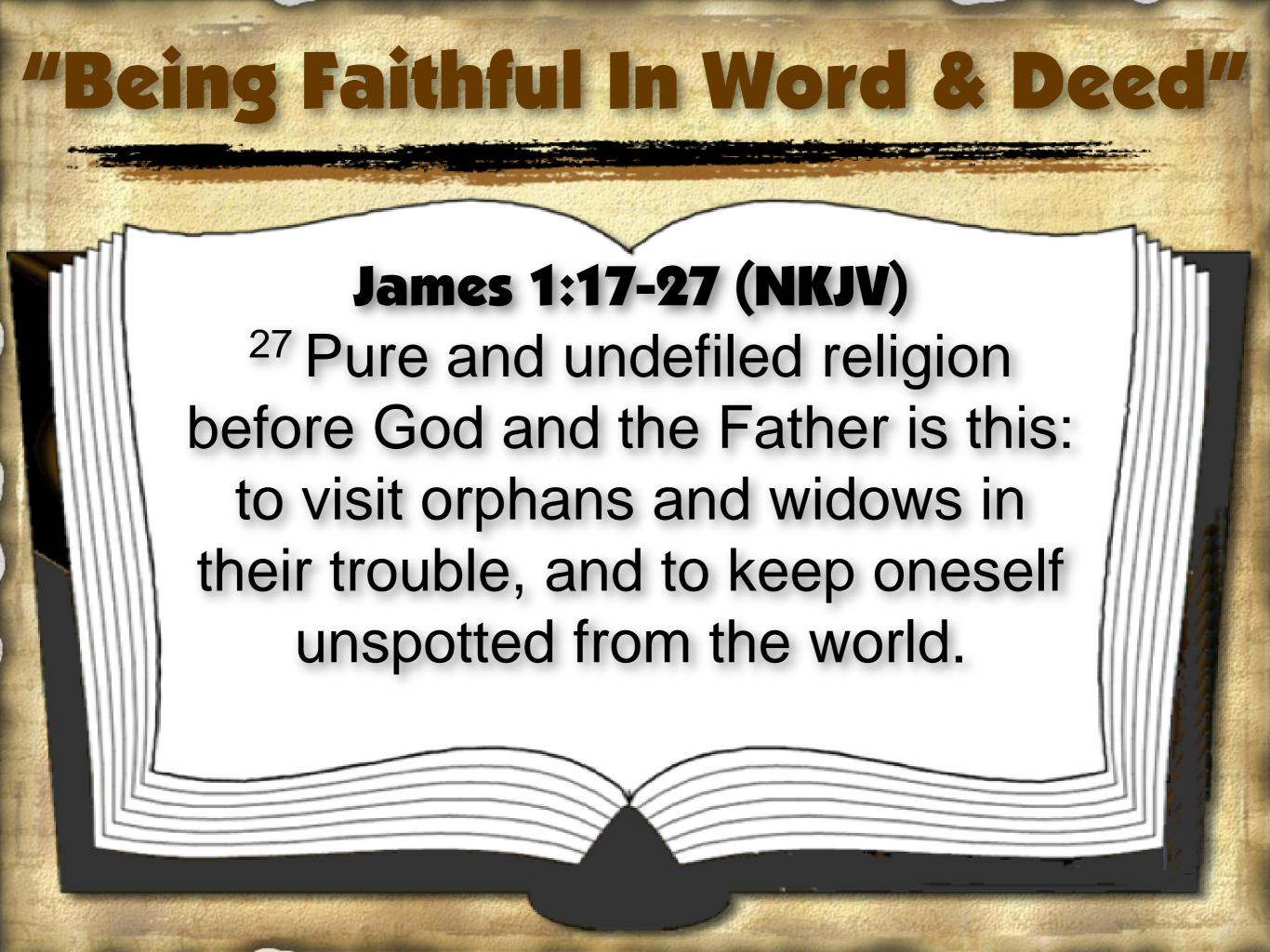
Since all good things come from God - let us NEVER blame Him or be angry with Him for our problems - but rather trust & submit to Him in all things - (1:17-27)











Don't Blame God For Things That Are Evil - 1:17-20

James 1:17 (NKJV) Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.

- ◆ 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 rather than evil - (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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- ♦ God's greatest gift (1:18)
 - *"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; Rm 5:8; Ep 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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 - * "That we might be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures" As regenerated people, we ourselves become the firstfruits, new creatures (1Pet 1:3-5, 2Cor 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).

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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 33:31

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- * Slow to speak Eccl 5:2,3; (Can't hear God's word if we are blaming Him for our problems & sin speaking our opinions & preconceived ideas)
- * Slow to wrath not all wrath is wrong Eph 4:26

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 - *Let every man be "slow to wrath" can prevent an honest investigation of the truth. (cf Acts 26:9-11)
 - *Hearing the truth demands a calm & humble spirit (Mt. 5:3-6; Jam 1:21)
 - *Teaching others demands gentleness
 - 2 Tim 2:24,25

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- ◆ "The wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God (1:20)
 - *Anger results in a misuse of the tongue (James 3:8-12),
 - *Anger results in the twisting of God's justice (Romans 12:19),
 - *Selfish anger doesn't bring about the will of God and it keeps one from being right with God.

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- → "Therefore lay aside" (1:21)
 - * "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; Eph 4:22; Col. 3:5-8)

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- ◆ "Receive with meekness the implanted word" (1:21)
 - *"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" That we may be saved by faith 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 be held on to (1 Cor 15:2)

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- Far from the common idea "let go and let God"
 - *We must cooperate with the message, conform to the message and submit to the message 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 - Phili 2:12

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The danger of self deception

- *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 the turns away forgets what he looked like.
- *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

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But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.

- "The Perfect Law of Liberty" i.e. - The gospel of Christ
 - * It is still referred to as LAW Rom 8:2; Gal. 6:2
 - * It delivers men from slavery of sin This is true liberty. (John 8:32)
 - * It freed the Jews from the yoke of bondage (Rom 7; Gal 5:1-4)
 - * It delivers from the punishment of sin (Rom 5:9)

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James 1:26 (NKJV)

If anyone among you thinks he is religious,

and does not bridle
his tongue but
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heart, this one's
religion is useless.

◆ "Pure & Undefiled Religion"

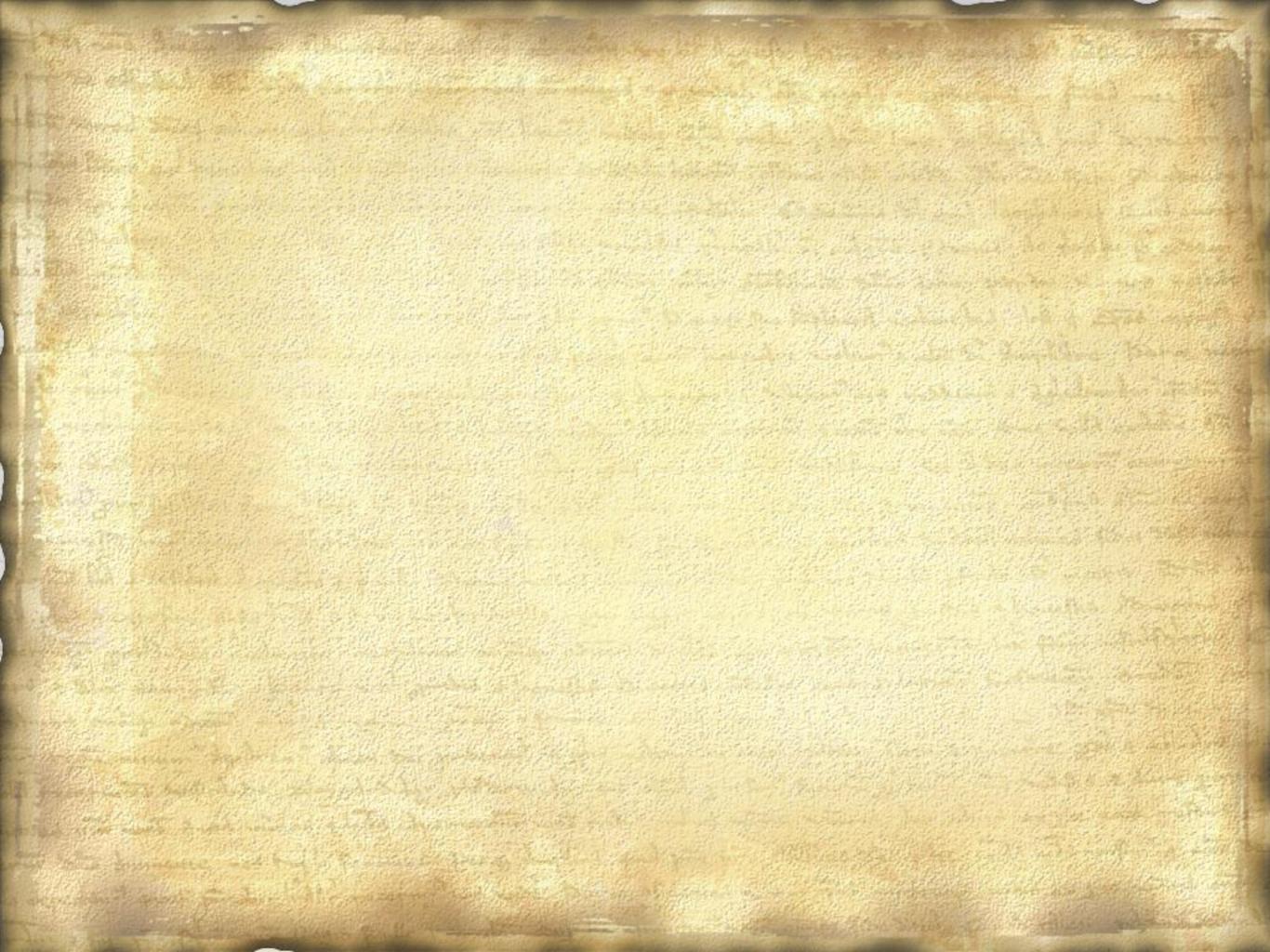
- *We bridle our tongue (cursing, gossip; slander; lying, etc. James 3
- *We visit, (help) those less fortunate, (orphans and widows) 27; Acts 6:1-7; 1 Tim 5:3-16
- *We keep ourselves unspotted from the world (1 John 2:15-17; 2 Cor. 6:14-7:1; Titus 2:11,12; 1 Thes 5:21,22; 1 Pet 4:1-4)

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Ephesians 4:17-27 (NKJV) ¹⁷ This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind, 18 having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart; 19 who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.

Ephesians 4:17-27 (NKJV) 20 But you have not so learned Christ, 21 if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: 22 that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, ²³ and be renewed in the spirit of your mind,

Ephesians 4:17-27 (NKJV) 24 and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness. ²⁵ Therefore, putting away lying, "Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor," for we are members of one another. 26 "Be angry, and do not sin": do not let the sun go down on your wrath, ²⁷ nor give place to the devil.