

JOURNEY THROUGH JAMES, Sermon # 9
“Pure Religion”
Text: James 1:26-27

I. THE DESECRATION OF _____ RELIGION (v.26)

- “Religious” - “*the zealous performance of the _____, ceremonial aspects of worship.*”
- True application of God’s Word will result in the ability to _____ what we say!
- We are deceiving ourselves if we think we are practicing “pure religion” when we are committing mutiny against God’s law of _____ and discipline.
- This text is talking about “a verdict that demands _____.”

II. THE _____ OF PURE RELIGION (v.27)

- The Gospel will manifest itself in *social* and *personal* behavior in keeping with the _____ standards of Christ Himself.
- “Care for”—“*to look in on—to go _____ them.*”
- It is so easy to assume that our taxes and benevolent offerings can be a substitute for actually getting involved with people’s _____.
- James is balancing the need for *social sensitivity* with *personal* _____.

Here are some “contaminants” from the world—

- The pollution of _____
- The corrosive mentality of _____
- The corruption of _____.