

Songs for Sunday Worship Time:

Before Message:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iPZnFLhltzQ> God Is For Us

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dAiBntMtViY> Hosanna, Hosanna

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oAaQ5EEXidc>. Hosanna Praise is Rising

After Message:

Faithful One <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7PjSO5lhIOM>

Outline: Scripture: James 1:19-27

Message: "How to Benefit from the Bible!"

1. Listening to What God Say to Us

- In our busyness finding time to read the Bible gets neglected
- People find the Bible doesn't provide the answers they're looking for
- We need to make an effort to listen to what God has to say

James 1:21 "Humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you."

- Listening to God's Word is essential for our spiritual well-being
- We need to incorporate God's Word into our daily living

James 1:22 "Do not merely listen to the word and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says."

James 1:19 "Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry."

- We need to put away distractions to focus on God

James 1:21 "Get rid of all the moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you."

- Sin in our lives blocks our hearing from God
- The Bible points out sinful shortcomings we'd rather not think about

2. Our Response to God's Word

- We begin with confession of our sinful shortcomings

1 John 1:8-9, "If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."

- The Bible points us to the solution for our sin

John 3:17 "For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him."

- Our restored relationship with God has to affect our words and actions

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- Knowledge about the Bible doesn't help us unless we put it into practice

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James 1:26 "If anyone considers himself religious and yet does not keep a tight rein on his tongue, he deceives himself and his religion is worthless."

James 1:27 "Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world."

- The Bible takes on relevance when it gets lived out through us
- We will be blessed by God through our service to others