

# THE MIRROR NEVER LIES

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*"But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed"*  
(James 1:22-25).

James is comparing a person that hears the Word of God but doesn't obey it as one who looks in a mirror and then forgets what he looks like. James is revealing the Word of God is A Mirror!

I think we all tend to forget what manner of person we are after looking in a natural mirror. When I look at my reflection in a mirror I sometimes I catch myself saying, "Boy, you're looking old". Perhaps some of you have experienced this. The funny thing is, I saw the same reflection a few hours before and didn't have the same reaction. Had I forgotten what manner of man I was?

When we examine ourselves in a natural mirror we see all our imperfections; the wrinkles, the moles, etc. We see we are aging and our appearance is indeed changing. However, when we turn away from the mirror, it doesn't take very long until we forget

what we have seen. Although age has taken its toll, our minds haven't caught up to this. We may be seventy-five years old, but our minds think we look, and can do what we did when we were thirty years of age.

Mark Parido is my son in law. Mark helps me almost every day. He is the most faithful helper I have ever had. Mark is a large man and very strong. In my mind I can lift what he can. Sometimes I think, "I can pick that up", but when I try to do what I think I can, I realize I have deceived myself! Has your body ever disagreed with your mind? We do forget what we look like!

James refers to two mirrors. One is a looking glass that reflects a natural person; the other is the looking glass of the Word that reflects a spiritual person. Just as we are guilty of forgetting what kind of person we are in the natural, we can forget who we are in the mirror of God's Word.

We must acknowledge this fact; neither a natural mirror nor God's Mirror lies. Each reflects the truth.

I know you will probably disagree, but we are all double minded. We practice double mindedness every day in the natural and also in our spiritual life. I have just proven it! I believe you have all experienced "forgetting" what manner of person you really are. That is being double minded. You think you can, but you cannot. Some think they cannot, but they can!

Let's back up to the beginning of James' epistle and see how he brings us to this mirror we are discussing: *"James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad, greeting. My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; Knowing this, that the*

*trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing. If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. A double minded man is unstable in all his ways" [James 1:1-8].*

His desire is for every believer is to be perfect and entire, wanting nothing! Wisdom seems to be the key here for he immediately directs us to ask for wisdom. Then James stresses how to receive.

He tells us God gives wisdom to everyone that asks! So God is ready to not only give you wisdom; God is ready to also give you whatever you ask Him for! God wants to answer your prayer! Let's settle this in our minds before we continue.

Look at the words of Jesus in the following verses (emphasis mine):

*"Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom" [Luke 12:32].*

*"And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened" [Luke 11:9-10].*

*"If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?" [Matthew 7:11].*

*"If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, **ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you**" [John 15:7].*

One more verse to confirm what Jesus has said in these few verses: *"For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us" [2Corinthians 1:20].* Praise God! All God's promises are yes and amen!

We cannot be double minded! If we are we will not receive anything from God! James is very clear about this.

Most people that ask God for something in prayer are hoping God will answer them. Hoping and believing is two very different things my friends. When you pray, do you believe God will answer your prayer, or do you hope He will?

It is good to hope for something for hopelessness will lead to despair. Your desires begin with hope; however hope will not produce the substance of things. It takes faith! *"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen" [Hebrews 11:1].*

Hoping, without believing is being double minded. Our double mindedness has prevented us from receiving what we ask for in prayer. You cannot approach God this way. God wants us to have faith in Him; that He is God and a rewarder to them that seek Him! *"But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him" [Hebrews 11:6].*

Remember, James said, *"Let him ask in faith, nothing wavering."* This is the teachings of Jesus concerning prayer and how we should pray!

*"And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God. For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them" [Mark 11:22-24].*

We are now beginning to see God's mirror! His mirror never lies! God's Word is His reflection of the real you, and His will for you! If you can believe; all things will be possible to you. (See Mark 9:23).

Jesus said, *"He that hath seen me hath seen the father". Jesus is God's looking glass, His mirror! (See John 14:9).* We must not fail to look into the mirror of God's Word!

James said, *"But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed" [James 1:25].*

Just as we forget what manner of person we are in the natural, we forget what we are in the spirit. James is saying, Look into the Word, and continue in what you see, don't be forgetful what you hear in the Word, but do what the Word says and you will be blessed. Let God's Word be your mirror!

I know this may sound hard and maybe even ridiculous to some, but it doesn't matter what you feel or think; what matters is what the Word says.

I am a born again blood washed Holy Ghost filled believer in the Lord Jesus Christ. I am what the Word says I am. That settles it! No matter what!

Sometimes we forget that we are an equal heir with the Lord Jesus Christ who has all power in heaven and in the earth. Yes we do! We look into God's Word, then walk away and forget what the Word say who and what we are. Most people don't need the devil to deceive them, they deceive themselves!

Look how fearful Christians are. Most are afraid of the devil. They are afraid of what is happening in the world today. If it's not the Muslims and their religion, it's the rise of the antichrist. They are afraid they will be here during the tribulation and the mark of the beast so they invent an escape doctrine to appease their fear. Christians should be fearless, not fearful. Look into the mirror for the truth! *"For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind" [2Timothy 1:7]. "In God have I put my trust: I will not be afraid what man can do unto me" [Psalms 56:11].* Have you walked away from The Mirror and forgotten you are fearless?!

*"Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be established in the present truth. Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance" [2Peter 1:12-13].* Forgetting is our problem! We forget what the Mirror reflects we are!

John the Baptist said this concerning the ministry of Jesus, *"I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire" [Matthew 3:11].*

Jesus came to baptize us with the Holy Ghost and fire! I believe in and have experienced the

Pentecostal experience of speaking in tongues. Multiplied millions throughout the world today testify of this experience. But I find the baptism of the Holy Ghost is more, much more than speaking in tongues!

Jesus said, *"In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified)" [John 7:37-39].*

Jesus is very plain that when the Holy Ghost came into a person that person would become a vessel of life! For out of their belly would flow rivers of living water! Not just a river, but rivers! Ask any farmer what brings life to his plants. He will tell you, "rain". Scientists will tell you, "Where there is water, there is life".

A true God sent revival is a resurrection, a restoring! Revival means to revive, to bring back to life. This is what "The Mirror" that never lies is speaking! Inside of you is life. Inside of you are rivers of living water!

We have prayed and prayed for something that we are supposed to have already! Revival! Life! It is in us! There's something on the inside! I believe wherever a truly Spirit filled man or woman goes in this world they can bring revival. I you to get back in the Word and find who and what you are!

If you have the Holy Ghost you have got something in you that is far greater than any problem or demoniac power you will ever face.

*"Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world" [1John 4:4].*

Greater is He that is in you! The overcoming power of the Living God dwells in His people. The Mirror tells us, *"For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones" [Ephesians 5:30].* We are His body in the earth. Flesh of His flesh, bone of His Bone! The Word of God goes on to tell us, *"But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit."* [1Corinthians 6:17]. One spirit with the Lord! I believe the baptism of the Holy Spirit blends our spirit with the Spirit of our Lord. Thus, we become His body; one spirit with Him. Have you forgotten who you are and what is in you?

Jesus was one with the Father and He prayed that we would also be one. *"Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me" [John 17:20-23].* One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism, One Church! True oneness, is God in Christ, and Christ in you. If you are born again you have become one with God through Christ. You cannot separate one. Can you believe you are one with the Father just as Jesus is one with the Father?

Think about what God's Mirror is reflecting! You are baptized in the Holy Ghost; you have the Eternal Spirit of the Living Creator God dwelling in you. Not

only that, you are presently the flesh and bones of the body of Christ. Just as Christ was the expressed image of God's Person, you are now the expressed image of the Living Christ. You are the sons of God now! Eternal Life is in you and God wants you to become a channel in which Rivers of Living Water surge!

Look for a moment at the boldness of the Apostle Paul as he presents God's Mirror to the Philippian church" *"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father"* [Philippians 2:5-11].

Let this mind (this thought) be in you! Christ found Himself in the Very Form (Image) of God. Therefore, he did not think (consider) it robbery to be equal (on a par with) with God. Paul said, "I want you to think the same way Christ did"!

What form are you in? Are we not the body of Christ? *"That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, And*

*what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all" [Ephesians 1:17-23].*

God wants us to open the eyes of our hearts and see ourselves in His Mirror! He desires to give us an understanding of what, and who we are! Christ is the Head of His body, we are His body and His feet; and God has placed all things under His feet. Think of this: the body of Christ (which we are) extends from the earth to the Throne of God in Heaven itself! And everything: principalities, powers, kingdoms are under the feet of His body. Look at that! The lowest member of the Body of Christ has authority over all things!

I hope you see this. Open your eyes! We are the temples of the Living God! Sometimes we think of God as being someone or something that exists far away in the heavens perhaps beyond the Milky Way. When in fact, you and I are the habitation of God. *"In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit."* [Ephesians 2:22]. Paul said in his epistles to the Corinthians: *"Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?"* [1Corinthians 3:16]. *"And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell*

*in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.” [2Corinthians 6:16].*

Isn't it about time to see yourself as God sees you?! It's time to believe the Word of the Living God and put Satan under our feet where he belongs. The devil has tormented God's people too long. Now it's your turn to torment the devil! Praise the Lord!

If we could only believe what God's Mirror clearly reveals, we could turn the world upside down. The early church did it! They didn't have all the technology, gadgets, airplanes, concordances, and promotional skills of today. How did they "turn the world upside down" in their day? I believe you now know the answer. It was not by power, nor by might, but by the Spirit of the Living God!

*“And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God” [1Corinthians 2:4-5].*

The Apostle Paul was a wise master builder. Much wiser than most today! You see, he built the church of his day by the Spirit of the Living God. Today, men try to build churches with the latest marketing tools available to them. It is a sad thing to say, but no longer do men seek out the anointed ones, but rather, they seek out the secular educated ones. This is why there is little moving of God's Spirit in the modern church world. We have forsaken the Fountain of Living Waters for the carnal wisdom of men.

You may be able to build a church building, and entice many to come with all the carnal gimmicks you can muster, but you will wind up with nothing more

than a club house full of the unsaved if your ministry is not anointed of the Holy Ghost.

The Apostle Paul asked Timothy to do something, *"Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands"*.

Now, I ask each reader to do the same. I ask you to remember what God's Mirror reflects you are. I ask you to transform yourself by renewing your mind. Let His mind be in you. Let His Word speak to you and show you how God sees you. You may be hiding in the bushes of unbelief and fear today, but God says you are a mighty person of valor.

I do not believe there is anything impossible to a man or woman that will believe God. There is no power that can stand against the anointed ones of God. *"Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us" [Romans 8:37]. Truly, we are more than conquerors!*

There are so many other scriptures I could use to open your eyes to what James was revealing in his epistle. However, I will close with one that has been a favorite over the years. It reminds me that there is something on the inside of my being that is greater than anything I could possibly imagine. To sum it all up, let me say along with the Apostle Paul, *"Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us" [Ephesians 3:20].* That Power is the Holy Spirit, the Fountain of Living Waters, which is in you.

We have taken a brief glance into God's Mirror in this message. Don't forget. The Mirror Never Lies!