

# **A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S JAMES**

## **Part 4**

### **HELP FOR OUR SOULS (James 1:21 NKJV)**

- Lay aside - to put off, cast off
  - Things that are morally unclean and bad
  - Monitor your input
- Receive with humility the implanted Word of God
  - Not arguing with the Word but taking it in
- Able to save your souls
  - Save - to deliver, make whole
  - Written to believers so this would involve the soulish realm
  - God's word has the capacity to make our souls whole (**Proverbs 4:20-23 NKJV**)

### **LIVING STRONG AND BLESSED (James 1:22-25 NKJV)**

- Hearing and doing
  - Hearing is the first part, but not the last part
  - Keep looking in the mirror
  - The ones who hear and do are blessed
- Jesus gave the same instructions (**Matthew 7:24-27 NKJV**)
  - Hearing and doing is building on the rock
  - Hearing and not doing, Jesus said, is foolish
  - The storms of life come to everyone
  - Those that hear and do are strong and blessed

### **PUT A MUZZLE ON IT (James 1:26 NKJV)**

- Much of our Christian walk is in our words (**James 3:8-12 NKJV**)
  - Bridle - to restrain, to direct
  - No one can tame your tongue
  - Our words need to line up with what is in our hearts

### **PURE RELIGION (James 1:27 NKJV)**

- Help those who need help
  - Widows and orphans were the most vulnerable in that day
- Keep clean (**2 Peter 3:14 NKJV**)
  - We live in a world that can stain us
  - It's our choice to keep clean