

## **BE SWIFT TO HEAR (Part 2)**

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### **INTRODUCTION**

- ❖ “A religion that gives nothing, costs nothing, and suffers nothing is worth nothing.”  
– Martin Luther
- ❖ In James 1:19 we are called to endure trials in three ways—“*be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger.*” The body of this letter unpacks this verse.
- ❖ Today we will continue looking at what it means to be “*swift to hear.*”
- ❖ In James 1:22-2:26, James exhorts us to apply the command “*Be swift to hear*” in 3 ways.

### **MAIN POINTS**

1. (Quick Review) **We hear by practicing the word of truth:** “hear = obey”  
“the word = law of liberty” (i.e. love your neighbor as yourself) (v. 1:21-27)
2. **We hear by not showing favoritism:** It violates the law of love (v. 2:1-13)
  - A. Do not judge others on the basis of perceived blessings bestowed. (v. 2:1)
  - B. Hypothetical example of discriminatory behavior (v. 2:2-4)
  - C. Explanation of why favoritism is wrong (v. 2:5-13)
3. **We hear by considering the “Law of Genuine Belief” (i.e. Doing demonstrates believing)** (v. 2:14-26)
  - A. Faith without works cannot “save” (v. 2:14-17)
  - B. Faith can only be shown by deeds (v. 2:18-19)
  - C. Faith without works is useless (v. 2:20-26)