

*“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only,  
deceiving yourselves.” — Jas. 1:22*

It is implied here, that by merely hearing the word but not doing it, they would deceive their own souls. The nature of this deception was this, that they would imagine that that was all which was required, whereas the main thing was that they should be obedient. If a man supposes that by a mere punctual attendance on preaching, or a respectful attention to it, he has done all that is required of him, he is laboring under a most gross self-deception. And yet there are multitudes who seem to imagine that they have done all that is demanded of them when they have heard attentively the word preached.

— Albert Barnes on Jas. 1:22

# HEARERS or DOERS?







# Hearing Is GOOD!

- **If We Are Hearing the RIGHT One**

- **Jesus**

**JOHN 8:28; 12:50; MATT. 7:21, 24**

- **Test All by the Scriptures**

**1<sup>ST</sup> JOHN 4:1; ACTS 17:11**



# Hearing Is GOOD!

- **The Source of Our Faith:**

- **Hearing the Word of God**

**ROMANS 10:17; HEBREWS 11:6**

- **The Words of Eternal Life**

**JOHN 6:63, 66-69**



# **But Hearing Is Not Enough**

- **Hearing, But Not Doing, is Foolish**

- **Illustrated by Jesus**

**MATTHEW 7:24-27**

- **Illustrated by Ezekiel**

**EZEKIEL 33:30-32**



# **But Hearing Is Not Enough**

- **Hearing Alone Does Not Save Us**

- **Some Hear, But Turn Away**

**JOHN 6:66; MATT. 19:16-22**

- **Some Hear Only What Is Pleasing**

**MATT. 19:9; MARK 16:16**



# We Must Be DOers

- As God Has Always Required

- His Word Is Given to DO

DEUTERONOMY 30:1 1-14; 29:29

- Those Who DO Are Part of the Kingdom

MATTHEW 7:21



# **We Must Be DOers**

- **DOing Brings Reward**

- **Eternal Life**

**HEB. 10:23; 1<sup>ST</sup> JOHN 2:25**

- **Then the Word Is Able to Save**

**JAMES 1:21, 22**



**What one does is what  
counts. Not what one had  
the intention of doing.**

**— Pablo Picasso**