INTRODUCTION:
1. In James 1:25 we note several things worth our careful consideration.
   A. There are, at least, four points which will result in the one who does those things
      being blessed by God.
2. As time permits we want to give consideration to these points.

BODY:
1. First, James says that “whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty” will be blessed.
   A. In further study of the passage it becomes evident that in order to be blessed one
      needs to do more than just casually look into the Word.
      1. In order to begin the process by which one will be blessed diligent study of
         the Word must take place - John 5:39.
   B. What we see in this passage is the chain of events which must take place in order
      for man to be blessed by God.
      1. The first “link” in this chain is looking into the Word of God.
   C. The word “looketh,” in this passage, is used of one who stoops sideways in order
      to look intently into something.
      1. The “glass,” or “mirror” of verse 23 is conceived as being placed on a table or
         the ground and the person who looks into it does so attentively.
      2. What is seen here is that the person who is looking into the “glass” must exert
         a certain amount of effort in order to do so.
         A. In other words, it is not something that comes without effort.
   D. So it is with the person who seeks to blessed of God.
      1. Where there is no cross, there is no crown!
      2. In order to take up the crown we must also take up the cross, and it must be
   E. In essence, what James is saying is that in order to be blessed of God one must be
      intently interested in what the perfect law of liberty says.
      1. To be anything less than intently interested is to be less than what God
         expects.
2. Secondly, James says that the one who looks into the perfect law must continue
   therein.
   A. The idea is, the one who seeks to be blessed looks intently into the Word of God
      and keeps on looking.
      1. He/she doesn't look and see something they do not like and quit looking.
   B. Rather, that person who wants more than anything else to be blessed by God
      keeps right on studying - 2 Timothy 2:15.
   C. James is indicating that this person has perseverance when it comes to study of
      God's Word.
      1. It makes no difference whether he likes the reflection or not.
         A. If he happens to do so, fine.
         B. But is he doesn't, well, that is fine also.
      2. Since the person who seeks to be blessed by God wants more than anything
else to be blessed he won't look and forget.  
A. Rather he looks and then he makes the necessary changes.  
3. It is evident that the person under consideration here is not a hearer only (v. 22), but he is the doer like God wants him to be.  
3. Thirdly, James indicates that the person who wants to be blessed is not a forgetful hearer.  
A. To be a forgetful-hearer, as per what James has in mind, is what characterizes this person.  
1. In other words, this person's disposition is such that when he hears he forgets.  
B. Essentially, the person James is writing about is the type of person where the Word of God goes in one ear and out the other.  
1. This is the person who sits through service after service and is never benefited because they do not pay attention to what is being said.  
   A. “Prayer” – “Now I sit me down to sleep, the sermon is long, the subject is deep. If he should quit before I wake, please someone give me a little shake.”  
2. We realize, though, that in order to please God, and therefore be recipients of His blessings, we must be desirous of the Word of God.  
   A. Matthew 5:6 – “hunger and thirst.”  
      1. This is a passionate hunger and thirst.  
   B. 1 Peter2:2 – “desire.”  
      1. Literally, a “longing for,” or an intense yearning.  
   C. So what we end up here is a contrast between the one who hears and does and the one who doesn't even hear.  
4. Fourthly, James concludes his list by pointing out that this person must be a doer of the work.  
   A. The idea behind this thought is that the one who seeks to be blessed literally is a doer of that work.  
      1. Here is the contrast that we just mentioned.  
      2. The one who is to be blessed hears and does!  
   B. This individual is characterized by his work.  
      1. Later, in the same book, James points out the correlation between faith and works - James 2:17-26.  
   C. Surely, then, we understand that in order to please God, and, therefore be blessed by Him, one must do those works found in the perfect law liberty.  
      1. To do other wise is to fail.