

## Scripture Readings

*The first New Testament Scripture reading is received from **James** chapter 1 verses 22-27, which can be found on page 293 in the **new testament** of your pew bible...*

<sup>22</sup>Only be sure that you act on the message and do not merely listen; for that would be to mislead yourselves. <sup>23</sup>A man who listens to the message but never acts upon it is like one who looks in a mirror at the face nature gave him. <sup>24</sup>He glances at himself and goes away, and at once forgets what he looked like. <sup>25</sup>But the man who looks closely into the perfect law, the law that makes us free, and who lives in its company, does not forget what he hears, but acts upon it; and that is the man who by acting will find happiness. <sup>26</sup>A man may think he is religious, but if he has no control over his tongue, he is deceiving himself; that man's religion is futile. <sup>27</sup>The kind of religion which is without stain or fault in the sight of God our Father is this: to go to the help of orphans and widows in their distress and keep oneself untarnished by the world.

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*The second New Testament Scripture reading is received from **Mark** chapter 7, verses 5-8, which can be found on page 52 in the **new testament** of your pew bible...*

<sup>5</sup>Accordingly, these Pharisees and the lawyers asked him, ‘Why do your disciples not conform to the ancient tradition, but eat their food with defiled hands?’ <sup>6</sup>He answered, ‘Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites in these words: “This people pays me lip-service, but their heart is far from me: <sup>7</sup>their worship of me is in vain, for they teach as doctrines the commandments of men.” <sup>8</sup>You neglect the commandment of God, in order to maintain the tradition of men.’

*May the Lord God help us to apply this scripture in our lives.*