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is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror 24 and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. 25 But whoever looks intently

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into the perfect law

that gives freedom, and continues in it—

It is not enough to "look intently" (1:25); we must continue in God's word.

What does continuing in God's word look like?

o You read God's word line-by-line, and you would have it no other way.

o You meditate on it day and night (Psa 1).

o You take every opportunity to hear a sermon.

not forgetting what they have heard,

but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.

26 Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless. 27 Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

1 John 2:15-17

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Prov 2:1-5   2 Chron 34:26-28

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