

James. 1:26-27 mws

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δοκεῖ

PAI3sg

fr. δοκεω

to consider as probable, think, believe, suppose, consider

to regard something as presumably true, but without particular certainty, to suppose, to presume, to assume, to imagine, to believe, to think

θρησκὸς

religious

pertaining to being devoted to a proper expression of religious beliefs, devout, pious, religious, if anyone thinks he is pious, but does not control his tongue...his piety is worthless'

χαλιναγωγῶν

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fr. χαλιναγωγεω

bridle, hold in check, cf. 3:2

to exercise close control over some function, to control, to exercise self-control, 'the religion...of one who does not control his tongue...is worthless

ἀπατῶν

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fr. ἀπαταω

deceive, mislead, 'deceive oneself'

to cause someone to have misleading or erroneous views concerning the truth, to mislead, to deceive, deception

μάταιος

pertaining to being of no use, idle, empty, fruitless, useless, powerless, lacking truth, 'this person's worship is worthless'

pertaining to being useless on the basis of being futile and lacking in content, useless, futile, empty, futility, 'if he does not control his tongue...his religion is futile'

θρησκεία

expression of devotion to transcendent beings, especially as it expresses itself in cultic rites, worship

appropriate beliefs and devout practice of obligations relating to supernatural persons and powers, religion, piety, 'if he does not control his tongue, he deceives himself, and his religion is worthless'

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θρησκεία

see above

καθαρά

pertaining to being free from moral guilt, pure, free, of things related to a person as a morally or spiritually responsible being

pertaining to being ritually clean or pure, clean, pure

ἀμίαντος

undefiled, figurative – pure in religious and moral sense
pertaining to not being ritually defiled, with implications of accompanying moral defilement, undefiled, untainted, ‘this is what God the Father considers to be pure and untainted religion’

ἐπισκέπτεσθαι

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fr. ἐπισκεπτομαι

to go to see a person with helpful intent, visit, with suggestion in the context on care to be bestowed, ‘look after widows and orphans in their distress’
to care for or look after, with the implication of continuous responsibility, to look after, to take care of, to see to

ὀρφανούς

pertaining to being deprived of parents, without parents, orphan
an offspring whose parents either are no longer alive or no longer function as parents (as the result of having abandoned their offspring) orphan, ‘to take care of orphans and widows in their suffering’

χήρας

a woman whose husband has died, widow

θλίψει

in metaphorical sense trouble that inflicts distress, oppression, affliction, tribulation, difficult circumstances
trouble involving direct suffering, trouble and suffering, suffering, persecution

ἄσπιλον

pertaining to being of untainted character, pure, without fault of inward condition, as of character, ‘keep oneself unspotted by the world’
pertaining to being without that which might mar one’s moral character, morally spotless, pure, cf. 2 Pet 3:14

τηρεῖν

PAInf

fr. τηρεω

to cause a state, condition, or activity to continue, keep, hold, reserve, preserve someone or something, keep, etc, unharmed or undisturbed
to continue to hold in custody, to guard, to keep watch, custody

κόσμου

the system of human existence in its many aspects, the world, the world and everything that belongs to it appears as that which is hostile to God, i.e. lost in sin, wholly at odds with anything divine, ruined and depraved, Christians must have nothing to do with this world of sin and separation from God, instead of desiring it, one is to keep oneself untainted by the world, cf. 4:4 the system of practices and standards associated with secular society (that is, without reference to any demands or requirements of God), world system, world’s standards, world