THE MOST AMAZING MIRROR IN THE WORLD

James 1:17-27

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In the middle of today’s New Testament reading, the apostle James makes an interesting and perceptive comparison. The points of reference are two types of people. James says, “For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act – they will be blessed in their doing” (vv. 23-25).

 The operative word in this reading is “mirror.” And since James pins his point on this word, hoping we will understand the metaphor, let’s start there.