

Having Faith ^{and} yet not Saved.

Can Faith save him? James 2:14

Introduction

A. My text .. find in James 2:14 - Can faith save him?

① James here raises a question - cannot lightly pass over.

(a) I am persuaded that amidst the terrific delusion of modern days, many are being saved in this.

(b) It has been said -- 75% of Church members are not saved. If 50% are such - should alarm us -

(c) Can Faith save him? The answer is ... No. vs 19 ... The devils go one further that ungodly man

② One thing is surely evident to everyone

(a) It is possible to profess allegiance & imagine ourselves safe and yet not be born again. 1 John 2:19. ^{Feeling} ^{of woman in High River} ^(matters not the teaching)

(b) Mere profession & change of heart is of no value ^{rights} ^{of soul} ^{food}. - James illustrates vs 15.16. of soul

B. Now I am perfect if they therefore

① James was written to 12 tribes. Targeted prophetic dealing with Tribulation. Saints

(a) And yet ought to know the principle underlying all God's dealing is alike in all dispensations though external requirements are diff. Act 10:35

(b) Lip service or Religious Formality cannot & never could take place of heart loyalty & real worship.

Rom 10:9.10 - Matt 15:8 ^{only} ^{that comes to you} ^{of heart}

② Aware that James 2: differs from Rom 4:

(a) Of James 2:21 & Rom 4:2 ^{Before man - Show this} ²⁰¹⁸

(b) Alike upon insisting on ^{How is it you feel certain of someone's reality} ^{Before God} reality as beneath & essential.

(c) James does not support Works apart from faith - ~~but on reality~~

It is surely well known to all -

1. Vain to expect fruit unless seed is there & has root.

2. Folly to .. anything but crab apples if no better fruit had been grafted in.

3. Useless to labor at purity that has no spiritual ground John 3:6 - That which is born of flesh.

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Matt 15:1-20

Hymns

225 (775)
161 (478)
567 (311)
253 (447)

BODV - here is where whole diff. arises
A. Many have never started right

① Precise in desire to believe - believing Bible truths
They give $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{public assent to truths} \\ \text{open profession of faith} \\ \text{conscience in religious performance} \end{array} \right.$ $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{more or less instructed in them} \\ \text{of religion} \end{array} \right.$
yet have no life $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{not intense in prayer} \\ \text{expand little time with Bible} \\ \text{not loyal to all truths} \end{array} \right.$

② Thing to do is to Halt - He died for you
John 6:40 - See the Son $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Will you ask to} \\ \text{follow him?} \end{array} \right.$
It is not faith - saves. It is God..

Trouble is so many bargain hunters - want salvation... what this world... of boy's camp in politics.
③ No use education One to live as a child of God if they are not one -
Only an imitator & complete failure
of King Saul - ... saddest cases - tried to do what men
1 Sam 13:14 - Samuel + sacrifice

- vs 18 - Joshua at Jericho - Ark
- vs 19 - left ark Prot.
- vs 24 - Joshua at Gibeon - no food
- vs 35 - Gibeon - makes an altar
- vs 39 - Jephthah - vows a vow. Jonathan
- vs 41 - Joshua - lot re action.

Emperor Adrian of Athens

B People misunderstand faith and the place of faith

1. Faith in and of itself has no saving power or merit apart from object upon which

(a) Some think .. get to believe Bible - doubt ... really put faith in place of someone
Christ is only source of salvation Acts 4:12

(b) Sometimes hear rejectors of Gospel saying
Mohammedan - Hindu - Race - Chinese too
John 3:36 -

2. Those in days of Noah - rain began falling - hills as safe as ark
Noah had belief in word that Ark would save $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{He belief} \\ \text{Kathin 5/9} \end{array} \right.$

Conclusion

A. Furthermore let us remember
the Bible speaks of different
aspects of faith

1. Historical Faith James 2:19

{ Belief in the declarations of divine
justice that Sin & Wickedness cannot
go unpunished -

2. Temporary Faith -

arises from some worldly consideration
of Matt 13:20-22 -

- needs soil of sincere heart,
firm & fixed resolutions
& habitual dispositions of grace
- overpowered by unmortified corruptions
and the force of temptation

3. Faith of Miracles

possessed by non-Christians

- Assent of mind to promise of any miraculous
event
- Jesus speaks of it - Matt 17:20
- possible in Non-Kns 1 Cor 13:2
- Acts 14:9

4. Justifying Faith is a saving grace brought in the soul by the Spirit of God grasps the life at its fountainhead and sweetens & purifies it.

~~What say you? Have you saving
faith?~~

1. Antoninus to Rabbi Judah -
Talmud p 277
Sins are nobody's - not our
Parable - Orchard figs - blind man.

2. Scholars of Rabbi Johanan asked him
wherefore is the punishment greater for
one that than for highway robber
Lev 22:1
Lev 24:14

(3) I am satisfied time has come
when judgment must begin at house.
1 Pet 4:17 —

One may say you are discouraging
people ... put doubt into their minds
of Christ & Syrophenician woman
If your heart is touched by
God — know — confess your sins
If not then my friend —