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"FRUITS OF FAITH"

How will God judge the world? Who will end up in the lake of fire, and who will end up judging with God on his throne? Most Christians don't know the answer to these questions. Let me ask you this, what if God commanded you to do something, would you do it? If God told you to obey him would you? God has asked this before, but in this world of "New Testament Christians", almost everyone is taught that we don't have to obey the laws of God any more. Most ministers today teach that all you have to do (**Rom.10: 9**) is confess that Jesus came in the flesh and you shall be saved. They have deceived you into believing that you need no works, that you need no fruits of faith. But if this is true, then the same question persists: how will God judge the world?

Have your minister convinced you that there are two Gods? One God is the father, the "mean killing machine" of the Old Testament, and the other is the "sweet loving" Jesus of the New Testament. What if the God of the old and New Testament were one and the same; what if he said, "Keep my Sabbaths", would you? What if he said, "Keep My Feasts" because the bible says that these are the Feasts of the Lord, and not the feasts of the Jews, would you? What if he said, "Keep my Commandments and my Judgments" would you keep them or would you allow some false prophet to convince you that they are no longer valid? What if he said, "I have an Everlasting Covenant and that I shed my blood for it," would you believe him? Can you be saved by faith only? Do works matter? In this text lesson we are by way of the bible, going to prove to you that if you have faith in God then you will bring forth fruits of that faith.

From the Merriam Webster's Collegiate Dictionary the definition of the word faith is; believe, trust. Now then how do you show the Lord that you believe in him? By your works, that's how. Let's go to the chapter in the bible that people call the faith chapter.

(Heb.11: 1-2, 7, 17, 24-26, 31, 35, 39-40) (v.1) Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. (v.2) For by it the elders obtained a good report. Now by the elder's faith (belief) in God they obtained a good report. But how did these elders show God that they had faith (belief) in him? Let's take a look at some of them. **(v.7) By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness, which is by faith.** How did Noah prove to God that he had faith in him? By his works! Noah moved with faith and fear and began preparing the ark. **(v.17) By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that received the promises offered up his only begotten son.** Now here is the father of the faithful, and how did he show God that he had faith in him? By his works! The Lord God told Abraham to go and sacrifice his son, his only son. And Abraham's faith was so strong that he was seconds' way from killing his only son when the angel of the Lord stopped him, now that's truly fruits of faith. **(v.24) By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; (v.25) Choosing rather to suffer**

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affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; (v.26) Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompense of the reward. Moses knew who he was once he became of age unlike the movie would have you to believe. How did Moses show his faith? By his works! But through faith he chose to suffer affliction with the people of God rather than enjoy the pleasures of sin by continuing to allow himself to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter: esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt. You see Moses knew exactly whom he was dealing with, and it's best that you learn that the God of the Old Testament is the same God of the New Testament and his name is Jesus. **(v.31) By faith the harlot Ra'-hab perished not with them that believed not, when she had received the spies with peace.** The Harlot Ra'-hab showed her faith in God by her works! She hid the spies sent by Joshua, and the Lord blessed her and her family by saving them when he took down the city of Jericho. **(v.35) Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection:** How strong is your faith, will you endure affliction, torture, imprisonment, stoning, and even die for the word of God? These people showed their faith in God by their works, not accepting deliverance because they were looking for a better resurrection. What's a better resurrection? The first resurrection is a better resurrection because if you are raised in the first resurrection you will not be judged; you will be doing the judging. But all of these people we just read about showed you fruits of faith they showed you works. **(v.39) And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise:** They received a good report through faith. But how did they show their faith (belief) in God? By their works, and they all died with a good report having not received the promise. **(v.40) God having provided some better things for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.** Everybody that has a better resurrection coming will receive it at the same time. That's why it says that they without us will not be made perfect. Who is perfect? God is perfect. God is recreating God. That's another lesson for another time.

(Matt. 7:21-23) (v.21) Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father, which is in heaven. You mean you must do more than call on the name of the Lord to enter into the kingdom of heaven? (Which will be set up on this earth)? **(v.22) Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? And in thy name have cast out devils? And in thy name done many wonderful works? (v.23) And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.** Now this is not the harlot, the thief, or the murder, these are **religious** people; some had the power to cast out devils. And what did they put before the Lord? Their works! It's obvious that their iniquity overrode their wonderful works. But they put their works on the table before the Lord, that's what you are going to be judged by, your works!

It's easy to say how much you love the Lord, and you may be able to deceive man, but God knows the mind. Many profess they know God, but in their works they deny him everyday. **(Titus 1:16) They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him; being**

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abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate. Yea, you are talking about how you know God with your lips, but by your works you are doing something totally different. The Lord God commanded you to remember the Sabbath day (which is the seventh day of the week) to keep it holy and you deny him to his face by saying “I go to church on Sunday (the first day of the week) because Paul broke bread on Sunday”. **(Gal. 6:3-5, 7) (v.3) For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself. (v.4) But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another.** The book says let every man prove his own work, and if your work is good then you will rejoice in it. **(v.5) For every man shall bear his own burden.** That’s right; every man must bear his own burden. You mean you thought that all you had to do was confess the name of Jesus and that was it? Brothers and sisters you must work to get salvation. **(v.7) Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.** God is not to be played with. Whatsoever you plant, that’s what you are going to reap. Be it good works unto eternal life, or evil works unto eternal damnation. The choice is yours, and your works belong to you. **(Matt. 16:24-27) (v.24) Then said Jesus unto his disciples, if any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.** That was the Lord’s burden, to die on the cross for the sins of man. Now as we read earlier every man must bear his own burden, and what is your burden? **(v.25) For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.** You must give up your life in this world; you must not get caught up in the cares of this world. You must bring forth-good fruits of faith by keeping God’s commandments, statues, and judgments. **(v.26) For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?** Some of the great patriarchs in **(Heb.11)** gave up a lot, some even their lives in exchange for their soul. You see they had great faith (belief) that their souls (bodies) would be raised at the first resurrection. And some of you won’t even give up some of the littlest things like, going to church on Sunday, the pagan holidays of Christmas and Easter, praying to the Virgin Mary, and I could go on and on. And most so-called Christians know these rituals have nothing to do with Jesus and the bible. But do they understand that they are offensive to God? Maybe it’s because you have more faith in man than God, maybe it’s because you fear how man is going to treat you, and you don’t fear God. But listen up; **(v.27) For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his holy angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.** Now these are the words of Jesus (the Son of man), you know the savior of the world. He said that when he comes he is going to judge every man according to his works. Who has deceived you into believing that all you need to do is have faith in the Lord and you will be saved?

People we must realize, that it is the keeping of God’s holy laws that separates the righteous from the unrighteous. **(Titus: 3:8) This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men.** You must learn (by the word of God) what God expects of you and maintain his expectations to the end, if you expect to be saved. **(Matt. 5:16) Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.** You are supposed to glorify your Father in heaven, and

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let your light shine before men. And how do you do that? By having good works. Sometimes as a Christian you don't have to say a word, people will see your works. **(Ezek. 33:30-32) Also, thou son of man, the children of thy people still are talking against thee by the walls and in the doors of the houses, and speak one to another, every one to his brother saying, Come, I pray you, and hear what is the word that cometh forth from the Lord. (v.31) And they come unto thee as the people cometh, and they sit before thee as my people, and they hear thy words, but they will not do them: for with their mouth they shew much love, but their heart goeth after their covetousness. (v. 32) And, lo, thou art unto them as a very lovely song of one that hath a pleasant voice, and can play well on an instrument: for they hear thy words, but they do them not.** Hopefully the time will come when you realize that you need more than lip service when it comes to serving the Lord. You must learn what thus saith the Lord, and do it!

(Gal. 3:11) But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, THE JUST SHALL LIVE BY FAITH. This didn't start in the New Testament, Paul was only quoting scripture, and the just has always lived by their faith. **(Hab. 2:4) Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith.** The just shall live by his belief (faith), and how do you show the Lord that you believe in him? By your obedience to his word. **(1Tim. 6:17-19) (v.17) Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not high-minded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; (v.18) That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate; (v.19) Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.** Riches and gains that is the doctrine of today, they are preaching the gospel of prosperity and not the gospel of the coming of the kingdom of God. But the Lord said to charge them that are rich in this world that they be not high-minded, but that they should be rich in good works that they may lay hold on eternal life. **(James 2:14-18, 20-26) (v.14) What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? Can faith save him? (v.15) If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of a daily food, (v.16) And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit?** If someone came to you hungry and needed clothes and all you told them was peace be unto you, and God bless you, be ye warmed and filled. All you did was give lip service, no works, you didn't help the problem. **(v.17) Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.** The bible has been telling you all along that you must have fruits to prove your faith. **(v.18) Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.** True faith goes hand in hand with good works. **(v.20) But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?** Did you know that? Has anybody ever read this verse to you? How can you, after reading this verse ever say again that we need not work? You can have all the faith you want, but if you have no works to go along with that faith, that faith is in vain, that faith is dead. **(v.21) Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar?** We read where Abraham, the father of the faithful showed the Lord his faith by his works. **(v.22) Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect? (v.23)**

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And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, ABRAHAM BELIEVED GOD AND IT WAS IMPUTED UNTO HIM FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS: and he was called the friend of God.

(v.24) Ye see then how that by works a man is Justified, and not by faith only. Do you see that also? Do you understand that you need works to go along with that faith; if you love and fear God then you should have no problem obeying his commandments. **(v.25) Likewise also was not Ra'-hab the harlot justified by works, when she received the messengers, and had sent them out another way?** Ra'-hab showed her faith in God and her fear of God by doing good works. **(v.26) For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.** Take it or leave it, but this is the true uncut word of God. Just as the body is dead when you take away the spirit (breath) so faith is dead if you have no works.

Sisters and brothers God gives us all these earthy examples regarding faith. You have so much faith in your job that you work seven, sometimes fourteen days, and why? Because you have faith (believe) that your employer is going to pay you according to your works. Some of us have so much faith in our employer that we take out thirty-year mortgages on homes, five- year car loans. When you go to apply for these loans and the loan officer asks you for proof of income and employment, you don't say "man I don't have a job, just have faith in me, I'll pay you". The loan officer is going to run a credit report because he wants to see your past works and your history that's how he judges if he can have enough faith in you to give you a loan. God works the same way, he is going to lay your works on the table on judgment day and judge you accordingly.

(2Tim. 4:1) I CHARGE thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom. And by what means will he use to judge you? You will be judged according to your works, pertaining to the commandments.

(John 17:3-4) (v.3) And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. (v.4) I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. Yes Jesus did much work. He is the captain of our salvation and the captain is leading by his example, by his works.

(Phil. 2:12) Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. Now if you need not work, then why is Paul telling you to "WORK" out your own salvation, and pay close attention because he also says with "fear and trembling".

(Matt. 19:16-17) (v.16) And, behold, one came and said unto him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life? That's what we are all trying to obtain correct, eternal life? **(v.17) And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? There is none good but one, that is, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments.** Now if you want to enter into eternal life you must keep the commandments. Sounds like a little work to me.

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(Heb. 6:10-11) (v.10) For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister. (v.11) And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to full assurance of hope unto the end: God is not going to forget your works, nor your labor of love toward his name. But you need to show these same works diligence to have full assurance of hope unto the end. Hope of what? Hope of eternal life. To the end of what? To the end of your life or to the coming of the Lord. You must work until the end! **(Rev. 2:26) And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations:** Again you must work unto the end. **(1Peter 1:15-17) (v.15) But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all Manner of conversation; (v.16) Because it is written, BE YE HOLY; FOR I AM HOLY. (V.17) And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear:** It says you had better be holy, because God is holy. And it also says that ye call on the Father, but you had better remember that he is going to without respect of person judge every man according to his work. So you better pass your time here on earth in fear.

(Rev. 20:12-13) And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. Who are you allowing to teach you that you need not work to serve the Lord of this bible? **(v.13) And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and dead and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.** Don't allow anyone to deceive you! You will be judged according to your works.

(Rev. 22:11-14) (v.11) He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still: In other words be whatever you choose to be. **(v.12) And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.** How many times must we read, that you will be judged according to your works? **(v.13) I am Alpha and Omega the beginning and the end, the first and the last. (v.14) Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.**

You see by your faith and effort God will work for you. But you must show God your faith by your fruits, by your efforts, by your works! So if you expect to enter into God's kingdom, you better get to work.

I believe therefore I speak. Remember always, that there is peace in Jesus.

May the Lord God understanding to those who are truly seeking the truth, In Jesus name A-men.