



MZBMP

**Title:** Living Faith vs. Dead Faith (part 2) – Devilish Faith is Believing the Right Doctrines But Having No True Faith, No True Repentance, No True Dependence upon the Lord Jesus.

**Text:** James 2:18-20

“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. 19 Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble. 20 But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?”

**Pagsasalin:** 18 Subalit may magsasabi, Ikaw ay mayroong pananampalataya, at ako'y mayroong mga gawa. Ipakita mo sa akin ang iyong pananampalatayang walang mga gawa, at ipapakita ko sa pamamagitan ng aking mga gawa ang aking pananampalataya. 19 Sumasampalataya ka na ang Diyos ay iisa; mabuti ang iyong ginagawa. Ang mga demonyo man ay sumasampalataya at nanginginig pa. 20 Subalit nais mo bang malaman, O taong hangal, na ang pananampalataya na walang mga gawa ay patay?

### **Introduction:**

1. Last week we saw how that dead faith cannot save. Faith without works is Dead Faith.
2. Today we shall see Devilish Faith – Faith that affirms Biblical truth but is void of good works.

### **I. The Scenario:**

- A. “My” – the believer who is able to demonstrate his faith by his works.
- B. “Thou” and “Thy” – the professing Christian who claims to have faith but is incapable of producing good works.
- C. James rebukes the respect of persons church members for their respect of persons attitude is just as hallow as an unsaved person, and a poor testimony for Jesus Christ.

### **II. The Satanic (or Devilish Faith):**

- A. “Thou” – unsaved man.
- B. “believest that there is one God.” (Jewish prayer – called the “Shema” – Deut. 6:4-5).
- C. “The devils” – demonic spirits that are under the Devil (Satan) the fallen cherub, Lucifer.
  - C.1. Lucifer fell soon after the Creation week (before Gen. 3:1). (Ezek. 28:13-17ff.)
  - C.2. Lucifer influenced a third of the angels (Rev. 12:4)
  - C.3. Two kinds of angels – good and bad (fallen)
  - C.4. Two kinds of fallen angels – loosed and locked (2 Pet. 2:4)
  - C.5. The angels that sinned in Gen. 6:4 (cf. Jude 1:6). – produced a race of giants.
- D. “also believe” and “tremble” – and yet they are not saved.
- E. Salvation is not head knowledge it is heart knowledge. Repentance is not in the tears it is in the turning. Saving Faith is not in a religion, but in a person (The Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ).
- F. We are not to follow Devilish Faith. (Deut. 18:9-12).

### **Conclusion:**

1. The Jewish church members are challenged to be practicing dead faith.
2. It is possible to be a church member and be unsaved.
3. The believer is someone who claims to have faith and demonstrates that faith by good works.
4. The unbeliever is incapable of producing good works.
5. Salvation is in a relationship with the Lord Jesus – not in affirming Biblical truths or doctrines.
6. The relationship with the Lord Jesus is through repentance of sin and self and believing or willful trust or reliance upon the finished work of Christ on the cross as the sinner’s substitute, his burial, and resurrection.
7. Living faith can be examined and tested and tried and seen in the believer’s good works.
8. Good works reveal true and living faith.
9. We are saved by grace through faith and this faith produces good works. We are not saved by good works.