

DEMONS BELIEVE

James 2:19 ... "You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe—and tremble!"

Many Christians think that if they believe God exists, and that Jesus died for their sins, they are born again. But the numerous verses in the New Testament that speak of saving faith – the kind of faith that actually redeems you and sets you on the road to heaven – do not only address your knowledge about God and Christ, but your obedience, submission and personal relationship with Christ. James the apostle reminds us in today's verse that even the demons believe God exists. If that simple knowledge is your only connection to God, then you are no better than a demon who has already been sentenced to hell for eternity.

I know those words are harsh. But your salvation is a life and death matter. If I saw a young child about to pick up a dangerous snake, I would not gently tell him or her, "That's not a good idea my child," or "Please do not touch the snake." I would yell as harshly as I needed to force the child to run away. Many Filipino parents will not speak harshly to their children to correct their behavior or even to save their lives. On occasion, while driving, I have encountered toddlers on the road. Instead of their parents running to rescue them or to chastise them, they ignore the danger and are unwilling to yell at them. Those parents are more concerned about their child's feelings, than their life.

Satan and the demons who work for him, were created by God. They were eyewitnesses to God's supernatural creation of the universe and man. They have heard and seen fulfilled, every promise God ever made. They know without any doubt that the promises God has yet to fulfill will happen just as God has said. Demons have had a front-row seat to God's work. That is what gives them the confidence that God exists and is truthful and faithful. But they also were given the same freedom of choice that you have. They chose to rebel against God and to suffer the consequences.

If you believe God exists, but have not confessed your sins to him and have not repented of your sins and allowed the Holy Spirit to change you, then your fate is the same as satan and his demons; you will go to hell. And, if you claim to be saved but have not changed from your previous lifestyle and behaviors, then the Holy Spirit is not in you (which means that you are not saved). When the Holy Spirit enters us upon being born again, we WILL change. If there is no change in you, your salvation is in doubt. Please consider your beliefs carefully. This is a life and death matter that requires urgent attention.

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