

James

Chapters 2 (Pt. 2)

συναγωγή

(su-na-go-gei)

“Synagogue”

57x

56x

1 Corinthians 1:26-28

For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are.

Spiritual eyesight reveals God's Choices:

- ***Rich in faith***
- ***Heirs of the Kingdom***

Q: How does mercy triumph over judgment?

A:

Matthew 5:7

"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy."

Demons have better theology than you do, but they are still demons!

Theology that does not translate into appropriate behavior is "demonic theology".

“Demonic theology” is based upon “demonic wisdom”.

Summary:

- **Faith without works is dead (v.17)**
- **Faith without works is useless (v.20)**
- **Man is justified by works and not by faith alone (v.24)**
- **Faith without works is dead (v.26)**

Summary:

Faith without works is not real faith!

The BIG Question:
“Are you willing to recognize...?”

Q: But how about John 3:16?

A: Read the rest of the passage.

John 3:20-21

...For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.

But...works without faith are also dead!

Matthew 6

- ***“When you give to the poor...”*** (v.1-4)
- ***“When you pray...”*** (v.5-13)
- ***“When you fast...”*** (v.16-18)

A Recurring Phrase:

“...and your Father Who sees what is done in secret will reward you.”

(v.4, 6, 18)

Hebrews 6:1

Therefore let us leave the elementary doctrine of Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God,

Hebrews 9:14

...how much more will the blood of Messiah, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

Revelation 3:1

And to the angel of the church in Sardis write: ...“I know your works. You have the reputation of being alive, but you are dead.”