

Tremble

Linville Dunaway, Corinth Christian Church

James 2:19. "Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble."

When we read in scripture of someone meeting an angel, or hearing the voice of God, he trembled and was afraid. Usually these were godly men who trusted God, yet they felt their unworthiness in the presence of the Lord, or one of his angels. James 2:19 tells us that the devils believe in the same God that we do and they tremble. Why do they tremble? It is simple - it's because they believe, not only in God, but also in what he has said and what he will do. Some people are what we call "God fearing" people. They trust in God and believe in his word and promise. They don't fear as in being afraid, or in terror, of him, but what we can call "A healthy respect." The only ones who have a real reason to be afraid of him are those who either don't believe in him, and those who say that they believe, but refuse to live for him.

While the devils believe, they have rebelled against God and are not among the redeemed of mankind.

I look at man today and wonder how many truly fear God. Considering the evil that goes on in our world, it doesn't appear that all that many people do. This even includes those who say that they are Christians. There is not that much love between church going folks it seems. If there were, would there be so much division? Some individuals are not loved nor welcomed even among the same group of believers.

Recently in a restaurant a man had on a T-Shirt that said, "Don't make me come down there.- God." As I looked at it I thought, "No, most wouldn't want him to come down to stop the evil deeds that they are doing." If they really believed in God then several things would happen in their lives. First, they would stop the foolishness and sin. They would do their best to live for the Lord and be the kind of people that he wants us to be.

Second, they would tremble at the thought of standing before the Living God. The shame and the knowledge of the sins they have committed would cause great fear. The scriptures show that man at his best

is vanity. See Psalms 39:5. Then Romans 3:23 says, "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." Even the best of the saints felt their unworthiness in the presence of God. How much more will the unrighteous sinner who has rejected God?

Yes, the devils tremble when they think of God and the judgment to come. Most men don't seem to have that much awareness of God. If they did they would tremble in fear and not treat God lightly. They would tremble and stop trying to change his word. False teachers would stop mocking God's plan of salvation and fear to face God. Many "Part Time Christians" would tremble in fear of the judgment knowing of how they failed to put God first in life.

In the bible, Old and New Testament, the Love of man for God is mentioned 88 times. At the same time the fear of God, his law, and his word is mentioned 278 times. Quite a difference isn't it? If we believe God we will love him and obey him. When we do this we will fear, respect and reverence him. I don't think we can do one without the other. They that love and fear God are ashamed in themselves that they are not better than they are, and disappointed that they are not closer to God.

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