

We Must Be Righteous Now!

Scripture reading: James 2:17-24

I remember when I was a young Christian, we used to go from house to house, and ask, "Can you give me something to do today? I want to clean up your yard or something like that, and you can give me an offering for my church." So we went and worked and in the evening everybody came in with what they had earned. The sweat of my body... This body is the temple of the living God and anything I use it to do for God is well pleasing with Him!

One of the things I must do is to obey God with my substance. Yes! I lay my substance down. We are talking about the Altar of Incense in the Holy Place where man lays his soul down before God, and says, "God, take it." The Bible tells us that if the smoke goes up, God accepts it. If the smoke goes down, the priest dies right there at the Golden Altar; he is not going to make it to the Holy of Holies. He is going to die right there in the Holy Place where God is asking you to offer your soul. When you are half in and half out, you offer to God an unclean soul. You are half for the world and half for God! Is it Hollywood that is motivating us, or is it heaven? Are we going to continue to do the things that we believe are righteousness? **WE MUST BE RIGHTEOUS NOW!** Believe me, we must go to God and weep and pray and say, "Lord God, I do not know what to do. I do not know where to go. I do not know how to go. I cannot walk without You! I cannot talk without You! I need you Jesus!" Weep between the porch and the altar, according to the Word of God, **UNTIL GOD SPEAKS!** And when He tells you what to do, you have a peace inside. You do it because you have a peace inside. Hallelujah!

Brethren, think of Abraham. Abraham believed God. "*Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness*" (Genesis 15:6, Romans 4:3, Galatians 3:6, James 2:23). That is how you are going to get righteousness. The only way you are going to get holy and righteous is by believing God.

Take your mind off yourself! Take your mind off marriage—who you are going to marry, and where, and how, and when. Take your mind off the things of the world. Jesus said in the parable of the seed and the sower, "*And some (seeds) fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up, and choked it, and it yielded no fruit*" (Mark 4:7). Have you ever considered why you are not bringing forth fruit? Why are we not bringing forth fruit? We should be a fruitful tree that hangs over to the ground with fruit that people would be coming from everywhere to taste of the fruit of Zion that comes from the people of God. **WHY ARE WE NOT BRINGING FORTH FRUIT?**

Worse than that, we are bringing forth bad fruit! Yes! Brethren are getting up and using their tongue for sin. God heals you. God delivers you from death. God preserves your life. He keeps you. Is it for the purpose that you might then take your tongue to slander God's people? To slash the people of God? God is displeased with the work of the tongue **IN HIS PEOPLE.**

However, there is a people in this last hour who must go to the high road; who must climb the mountain; who must overcome! And it depends on **YOU** whether you will be among those people or not. Hallelujah! Because, if you fail God, God will get someone else who will not fail.

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