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Matthew Chapter 13 The Value of Parables

As we begin to journey into the 13th chapter of the book of Matthew this morning we are going to once again see our Messiah speaking by and large in what are known as parables. And once again, it is extremely important for us to understand why it was that our Messiah spoke in these parables instead of speaking directly to the crowds who were there to listen to him.

Here in Matthew chapter 13, it seems as though our Messiah is training his apostles and his disciples to better understand the mechanics of a parable which was clearly meant to mask the truth of his message so that the ungodly would not be able to receive the message that he was delivering. And this becomes evident considering the reason that our Messiah gives his apostles when his apostles asked him point blank why it was that he spoke to the people in parables and not directly.

And there should be no doubt in our minds that much of what our Messiah was delivering to the people here in Matthew chapter 13 was very spiritual in nature. Our Messiah was able to say things indirectly that masked or hid things from those who he did not want to understand. And this is extremely important for us to grasp.

Once again, it is commonly taught within today's modern day denominational empires of men that the gospel message that our Messiah came to deliver was for everyone. But the truth of the matter is that our Messiah clearly tells us that the message that he came to deliver was not for everyone and this is exactly why he spoke to the people in parables so that he could reach those whom he wanted to reach while shunning and keeping this gospel message from those who had willfully and intentionally made themselves children of the devil.

Keeping this in mind, as we read through the 13th chapter of the book of Matthew, I would like for us to pay close attention to how many times our Messiah uses words like "they", and "them", and "their".

All throughout Matthew chapter 13 we are going to hear our Messiah make a distinction between the good seed and the bad seed. We are going to hear him make a distinction between the wheat and the terrors, and between the evil and the righteous. The distinction between these two groups of people is a very stark distinction. And what is even more alarming is who it is that all of these parables tell us is taken first, and I hate to be a bearer of bad tidings for those who believe in Tim LaHaye's pre tribulation rapture theory... and Hollywood's left behind movie series... but according to our Messiah it is clearly written that the unrighteous will be taken first... not the righteous which once again flies in the face of what the majority of today's denominational empires are teaching today in our time.

And so, the 13th chapter of the book of Matthew has much to offer and we'll talk about these things after we take the time to read the 13th chapter of the book of Matthew so that we can know exactly what it says and just as importantly... what it does not say. With that in mind, let us now turn to **Matthew chapter 13 E1**

The Parable of the Sower

- Mat 13:1 That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea.
- Mat 13:2 And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach.
- Mat 13:3 And he told them many things in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow.
- Mat 13:4 And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them.
- Mat 13:5 Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil,
- Mat 13:6 but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away.
- Mat 13:7 Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them.
- Mat 13:8 Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.
- Mat 13:9 He who has ears, let him hear."

The Purpose of the Parables

- Mat 13:10 Then the disciples came and said to him, "Why do you speak to them in parables?"
- Mat 13:11 And he answered them, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the

kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given.

Mat 13:12 For to the one who has, more will be given, and he will have an abundance, but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away.

Mat 13:13 This is why I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand.

Mat 13:14 Indeed, in their case the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled that says: ""You will indeed hear but never understand, and you will indeed see but never perceive."

Mat 13:15 For this people's heart has grown dull, and with their ears they can barely hear, and their eyes they have closed, lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their heart and turn, and I would heal them.'

Mat 13:16 But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear.

Mat 13:17 For truly, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.

The Parable of the Sower Explained

Mat 13:18 "Hear then the parable of the sower:

Mat 13:19 When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path.

Mat 13:20 As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy,

Mat 13:21 yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away.

Mat 13:22 As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful.

Mat 13:23 As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

The Parable of the Weeds

Mat 13:24 He put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field,

Mat 13:25 but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away.

Mat 13:26 So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also.

Mat 13:27 And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?'

Mat 13:28 He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' So the servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?'

Mat 13:29 But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them.

Mat 13:30 Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, "Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the

The Mustard Seed and the Leaven

Mat 13:31 He put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his field.

Mat 13:32 It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is larger than all the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

Mat 13:33 He told them another parable. "The kingdom of heaven is like leaven that a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, till it was all leavened."

Prophecy and Parables

Mat 13:34 All these things Jesus said to the crowds in parables; indeed, he said nothing to them without a parable.

Mat 13:35 This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet: "I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter what has been hidden since the foundation of the world."

The Parable of the Weeds Explained

Mat 13:36 Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field."

Mat 13:37 He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man.

Mat 13:38 The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one,

Mat 13:39 and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels.

Mat 13:40 Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the end of the age.

Mat 13:41 The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers,

Mat 13:42 and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Mat 13:43 Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

The Parable of the Hidden Treasure

Mat 13:44 "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

The Parable of the Pearl of Great Value

Mat 13:45 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, Mat 13:46 who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

The Parable of the Net

Mat 13:47 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind.

Mat 13:48 When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad.

Mat 13:49 So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous

Mat 13:50 and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

New and Old Treasures

Mat 13:51 "Have you understood all these things?" They said to him, "Yes."

works?

Mat 13:52 And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

Jesus Rejected at Nazareth

Mat 13:53 And when Jesus had finished these parables, he went away from there, Mat 13:54 and coming to his hometown he taught them in their synagogue, so that they were astonished, and said, "Where did this man get this wisdom and these mighty

Mat 13:55 Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not his mother called Mary? And are not his brothers James and Joseph and Simon and Judas?

Mat 13:56 And are not all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all these things?"

Mat 13:57 And they took offense at him. But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his hometown and in his own household."

Mat 13:58 And he did not do many mighty works there, because of their unbelief.

During our study last week, we touched a little bit on Matthew chapter 13 verses one through 9 and the parable of the Sower. But I would like to once again reiterate the importance of understanding this most important parable that was given to us by our Messiah for a very specific reason.

There should be no doubt in our minds what the parable of the Sower is all about considering the fact that a little bit farther down in Matthew chapter 13 verses 18 through 23 our Messiah explains the parable of the Sower in great detail. This parable of the Sower was once again used as a teaching tool to help his apostles better understand the usage and the power of using parables instead of simply coming out and speaking directly.

The parable was once again being used to make people stop and to slow down and to think about what it was that our Messiah was saying. If someone speaks plainly to you and is directly giving you instruction, you probably are not going to slow down and think about that instruction all that much because it was given to you very

directly and there's not much to ponder about something that is given to you very frankly and very directly. But once someone tells you something in a parable... because you don't immediately understand it, it causes you to slow down and to think more deeply about the instructions that you are being given. And so, not only did these parables causes people to think more deeply about what our Messiah was saying, but they also masked and hid the gospel message from those who did not have the eyes to see nor the ears to hear because just as our Messiah told his apostles in verse 11, the secrets of the Kingdom of heaven were being given to his apostles to know but once again... but to "them"... it was not been given.

And I want to stop right here for just a moment and ponder what it is that we have just uncovered here in the 13th chapter of the book of Matthew.

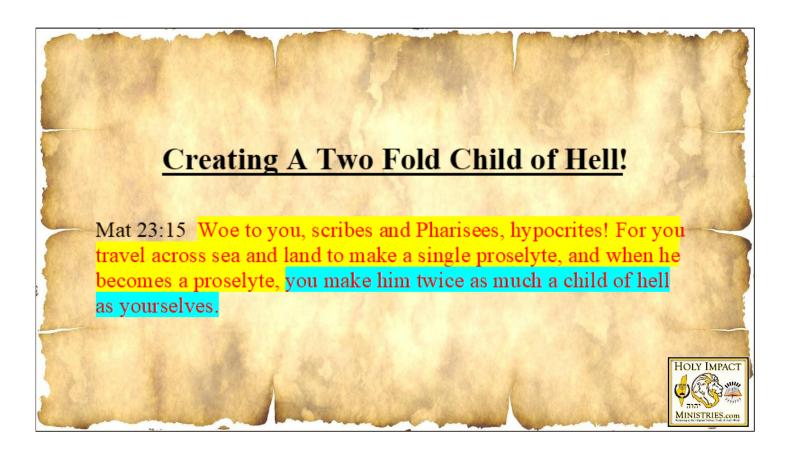
When we begin to ponder the parable of the Sower it becomes clearly evident that not everyone is going to be chosen to enter into God's Kingdom. And I know that this is a bucket of cold water in the face of those who have always been taught that the gospel message is for everyone and that we're all getting to heaven our own way because all we have to do is to confess with our lips that Jesus is the Son of God and our ticket into his Kingdom is punched and the deal is done.

Demonically inspired doctrines of demon's flow like rivers from the mouths of wolves dressed in sheep's clothing that stand behind many of today's modern day denominational pulpits because just as our Messiah tells us here in the 13th chapter of the book of Matthew... "Seeing they do not see and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. Indeed, in their case... the prophecy of Isaiah has been fulfilled that says, "you will indeed hear but never understand and you will indeed see, but never perceive.""

"Once saved always saved", "replacement theology", "dispensational grace", "pretribulation rescue", "indulgences", "first day of the week Sunday Sabbath", "Good Friday", "Easter", "All Saints day", and a whole gamut of garbage that has been created and perpetuated by the devil's Church of Rome and her earthly god that they call "Pope" have all been heaped upon God's people for generations. And because it has been heaped on God's people for generations... many now believe that these deceptions are actually true.

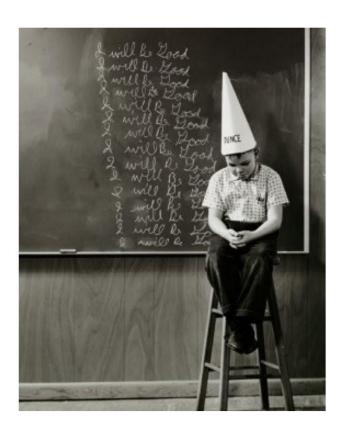
My friends our Messiah makes it extremely clear that there is a distinct difference between the truth and a lie. If something is not truthful then it is a lie, and our Messiah tells us that the father of all lies is indeed the devil. And we should not be surprised that the devil has his children standing behind our pulpits today in our time. What better place is there for the devil to put his children? This is the exact same place that the devil put his children in the days of our Messiah! Where were the devil's children found when our Messiah was walking the earth? They were found in the synagogues standing behind the pulpits. They were the scribes and the Pharisees who were the pastures and the priests and the bishops and the popish leaders of his time. The very men who called themselves "men of God" were the very men who were responsible for having him murdered in cold blood for all the world to see.

Therefore, knowing and understanding these things how is it that a modern-day Christians today cannot possibly believe that the man standing behind the pulpit can be a child of the devil. Is it not written that the devil loves to dress himself up like an angel of light and so too do his minions? I tell you the truth... there are more children of the devil standing behind today's modern-day pulpits than there are true men of God. And how do we know that? It is clearly written that we will know them by their fruits and the fruit that these so-called men have God produce are exactly like the fruit that the Scribes and the rabbinical Pharisees had produced. What did our Messiah tell the scribes and the Pharisees in Matthew chapter 23 concerning the fruit that they were producing? (scrn 1)



Our Messiah clearly told the rabbis who were the pastors and the priests and bishops and the popish leaders of our time that they crossed over sea and land to make a single follower and when he became a follower, they made him twice as much a child of hell as themselves. They had literally created a twofold child of hell because they themselves we are indeed children of the devil who is not only a liar but the father of all lies.

And yet today... we allow almost anyone to say anything as long as they're standing behind the pulpit backed up by a denominational empire of men. I tell you the truth my friends, the majority of those standing behind today's church pulpits ought to be wearing a dunce cap. (scrn 2)





Now I might be showing my age talking about preachers who ought to be wearing a dunce cap but I'm willing to take that risk if I can get my point across.

It is written in Deuteronomy chapters 4 and 12 that adding to God's word and taking away from God's word is a sin. And yet, I can guarantee you that this very week there are Pagan pine trees that can be found within the very sanctuaries of hundreds if not thousands of churches not only here in the United states but around the world!

Within the very homes of modern-day professing Christians today in our time we can often times find a plethora of forbidden images and Pagan idols and imagery that have no business being in our homes let alone... Yehvoah God's sanctuary. Everything from the Roman Catholic created "Christ-mas" to "All Saints Day" (also known as Halloween) is willfully and intentionally drug into the church under the guise of assimilating the church with the world so that the church can be more inclusive with the world today. But what does the Bible teach?



Friend of The World???

Jas 4:4 You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.



It is vitally important for us to understand the message that is being delivered to us here within the confines of Matthew chapter 13 and the very red-letter words of our Messiah who makes is very clear who the Sower is and who the seeds are that the birds have come to devour. The seeds that fell on rocky ground and had no depth of soil... the seeds that fell among the thorns. These my friends are indeed bad seeds.

And it's also important for us to know that the wheat is indeed growing up with the tares (which are the bad seeds). Just as we were told in Genesis chapter 3 verse 15 the devil does indeed have offspring just like the human woman has offspring. The serpent has had many offspring that have walked the face of the earth including but not limited to human men and women who... just like the Scribes and the Pharisees are indeed children of the devil.

Do not think that a pastor standing behind a pulpit cannot create a twofold child of hell. I tell you the truth... there are hundreds even thousands if not millions of twofold children of hell who have been created from the wolves that are right now in our time standing behind many... even the majority... of today's modern-day pulpits.

No one wants to say it, no one wants to preach it, it's taboo for a pasture to speak ill

of another pasture even though he is creating a multitude of two-fold children of hell because he himself bears the fruit of a twofold child of hell himself. Oh... but let's not talk about that. Don't say anything. Don't judge. Just sit down and shut up. Put your money in the golden plate... mind your business and follow the Judas goat into the stall.

My friends "all it takes for evil to prevail is for good men to do nothing" is not just a cliche. All it takes for evil to prevail is for good men to do nothing has been proven time and time again throughout history. It is because we as Christians don't want to be involved in confrontation that we hide under our beds and refuse to get involved. We foolishly think that we can avoid the spiritual war that Paul speaks of by simply sitting silent in a corner with a dunce cap on our heads which I might add is exactly what the devil wants us to do. And that's exactly what the church today is teaching their parishioners and their congregations to do. Assimilate yourselves with the world. Make yourselves friends of the world. Hold hands with the world and sing kumbaya my Lord with the world. Cut yourself down a cedar tree and drag it into the house and decorate it with silver and gold. And put plenty of gifts underneath that Pagan cedar tree so that your children have to bow down to it in order to receive all the desires of their hearts so we can lie to them about a Roman Catholic created toy God called "Old Nick" who has come to bless them with all the trash and the filth and the debauchery of the world. Oh.. and don't forget to leave that old Pagan toy god some cookies and milk on his way out the door.

Who is it that our Messiah is talking here about in Matthew chapter 13? Who are the "they" and the "them" that he speaks of? Who are the tares and the weeds that he speaks of? Who are these weeds that will be taken first and bound in bundles to be burned? Who are those who don't have the eyes to see and don't have the ears to hear? Who are those who honor him with their lips while their hearts are far from him worshipping him in vain because they are teaching as doctrines... the commandments of men? Who are those who have made void the word of God in order to hold on to their own traditions? Who are those that our Messiah was hiding his gospel message from?

Have you ever wondered why it is that when you show people the historical and biblical truth concerning these Pagan holidays that they simply cannot see it and simply cannot bare to hear the truth?

I talked to good God-fearing cross bearing Messiah following Christians all the time who are so frustrated because they can show their friends and their family exactly what the Bible says and show them the exact scripture along with church history that verifies that these Pagan man-made Holidays belong to the Church of Rome and the Church of Rome alone and not to the Elohim of Israel and yet... their friends and their family simply cannot see it or... they simply turn away and refuse to see it because they willfully and intentionally will not accept the truth. They love the world far too much to turn back. They are far too comfortable wallowing in their own sin to ever even imagine serving their creator whose image they were created in.

Have you ever wondered why that is? Have you ever wondered why it is that some people get it and some people just don't? The answer is found right here in Matthew chapter 13. The gospel message of our Messiah is clearly not for everyone. The gospel message of our Messiah is only for those who have the eyes to see and the ears to hear. Those who have made themselves friends of the world are enemies of God and God is not offering salvation to his enemies. Even the fallen angels that we read about in the book of Jude have already been rejected and are right now in gloomy darkness in chains awaiting the day of judgment without the hope of salvation, and why? Because once again they have blasphemed the very spirit of God and have willfully and intentionally chosen to make themselves their own gods. It is clearly written that God hated Esau why? Because Esau sold his birthright, the very birthright given to him by God himself for a simple bowl of soup. He cared so little for the gift that God had given him petty traded it for a simple bowl of soup.

Look around you my friends. Is this not exactly what people are doing today in our time by refusing the truth... by trading their very inheritance for a simple bowl of soup. They trade the very gift of salvation itself given to them by their creator in order to hold on to their own traditions. And what are these traditions and where do these traditions come from? They come from the very same devil who caused Esau to trade his salvation for his fleshly craving.

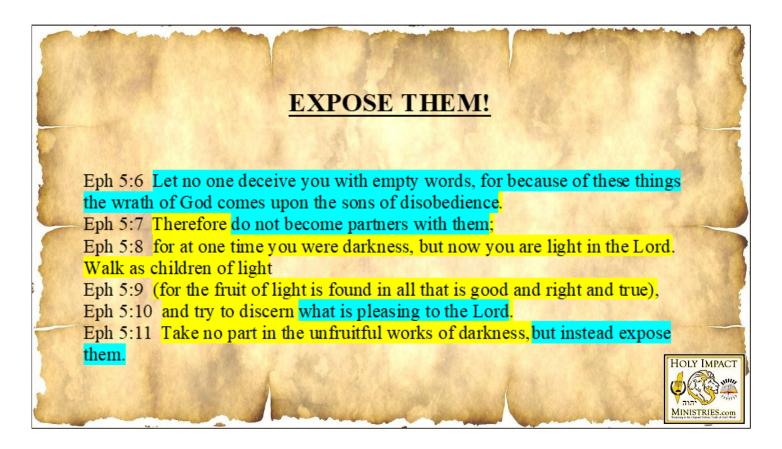
The whole context of Matthew chapter 13 is about us versus them. The whole concept of Matthew chapter 13 is that this gospel message is not for everyone. The whole concept of Matthew chapter 13 has everything to do with the separation of the good from the evil, the righteous from the unrighteous. The whole concept of Matthew chapter 13 is about the election and division of God's chosen set apart

people from the world.

But the church today is so blind, so deceitful, so lost, so weighed and wanting... show worldly... so self-loathing... so apathetic that it can no longer see, and it can no longer hear the truth because it has been turned over to a reprobate mind to do what ought not be done. And why? Because although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking and their foolish hearts were darkened claiming to be wise they have become fools. They literally honor our Messiah and his Father with their lips while their hearts are far from him worshipping him in vain because they continue to teach as doctrines the commandments of men. Not says I... but it says our God breathed scripture!

And this is why our Messiah spoke to the scribes and the Pharisees who were the rabbis and the pastures and the priests and the bishops and the popish leaders of his time in parables. And this is exactly why even today in our time just as it is written... there is nothing new under the sun. Even today in our time our modernday scribes and rabbinical Pharisees and popish leaders across the land still cannot understand these parables. And it is because they cannot understand these parables and the teachings of our Messiah that they have added to the word of God and taken away from the word of God in order to create their own religion and their own theology and their own philosophy in order to hide what it is that they do not understand.

I'd like to take the time this morning to turn to Ephesians chapter 5 (scrn 4)



Let me ask you this... do you think that the church today is exposing corruption? Do you think that the church today is exposing sin and sexual immorality and self-deprecation today? Do you think that the church today is judging herself as she is commanded to judge herself? Do you think that the church today is teaching the difference between the clean and the unclean? Do you think that the church today even knows the difference... between the clean and the unclean today?

Is it really difficult for us to be able to understand who our Messiah says... "they"... are?

When we take the time to slow down and to ponder the purpose of these parables, that our Messiah explains to us in Matthew chapter 13 verses 10 through 17... is it really so difficult to know who he's talking about? Is it really that difficult to know and to understand who he was hiding this gospel message from? Is it really that difficult to understand why it is that so many flat out refuse to accept the truth when they hear it?

During our study into the book of Numbers just this past Thursday evening we spoke about the fall of the House of Israel because of their consistent blaspheming of the spirit of God and wanting to return to Egypt and to the worship of the

Pharaoh of Egypt instead of staying with and worshipping the Elohim of Israel. And we spoke in great detail this past Thursday evening of why it was that the House of Israel in the days of Moses died in the desert before they ever reached the promised land that was promised to them.

Why was it that that generation of Israel was cut off? Why did Yehvoah God disinherit that generation of Israel back in Moses' day?

It was once again because of "disobedience". You see the church today has by and large long ago done away with obedience. For them it's all about being one saved always saved. For them obedience has turned into work and because we are not saved by works, they have willfully and intentionally thrown out all works as nothing but a curse. But what does the Bible say? (scrn 5)

The Biblical Deffinition of The Love of God:

1Jn 5:2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments.

1Jn 5:3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome.

Is this what your Pastor is teaching?



The Bible itself directly correlates and connects the love of God with obedience. Today's modern-day church by and large looks at obedience as works and why? Because keeping God's commandments is a burden to them. They hate God's commandments! They have done away with God's commandments and are now proclaiming that God's commandments are nothing more than a curse to anyone who keeps them! And why? Because they do not understand the difference between

the unrighteous works that the apostle Paul speaks of versus the righteous works that James speaks of . (scrn 6)

The Biblical Definition Of: Works

Pauls Unrighteous Works:

- Rom 3:28 Faith apart from works of law.
- Romans 4:2Abraham not justified by works.
- Romans 11:6By grace, not works.
- Romans 3:20
 No one is justified by works of the law.

James Righteous Works:

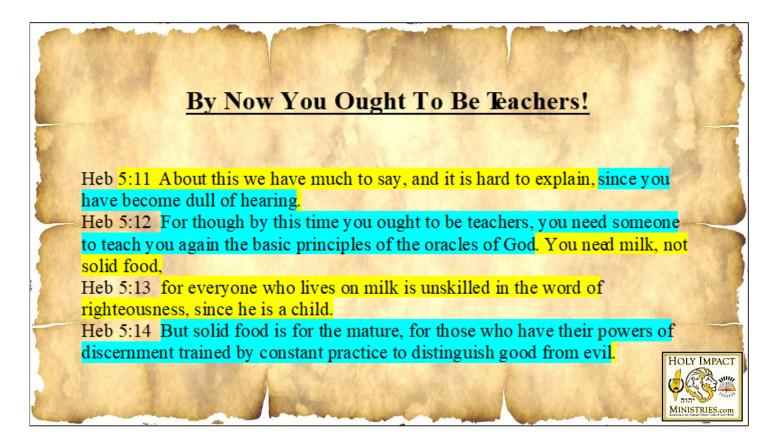
- James 2:17 Faith with out works is dead.
- James 2:21
 Abraham is justified by works.
- James 2:24
 Justified by works, not just faith.
- James 2:26
 Faith with out works is dead.



The apostle Paul seems to preach about faith apart from the works of the law. But James says that faith without works is dead. Paul seems to preach that Abraham was not justified by works. But James says that Abraham was justified by works. Paul seems to preach that we are saved by grace and not by works. But James says we are justified by works and not just faith alone. Paul says that no one is justified by the works of the law, but James says that faith without works is dead. And because the Church has now thrown out being the church of Christ and has now become the Church of Paul... whose writings they have twisted to their own destruction as they do the other scriptures because they have allowed the Church of Rome to carry them away with the error of lawless people.... just as Peter tells warns us that they would do in second Peter chapter 3 verses 15 through 17... they can no longer distinguish between righteous works and unrighteous works and have therefore thrown all works into the trash and through their far superior liberal minded wisdom... have literally returned like a dog to its vomit and like a pig to its mire.

And we could literally do a whole teaching just on the differences between unrighteous works and righteous works. But what is important to understand here in

our study today is that for them... Hebrews chapter 5 has indeed come true. (scrn 7)



The church today by and large has indeed become dull of hearing. By this time, they ought to be teachers but instead of being teachers they now need someone to teach them again the basic principles of the oracles of God. The church today by and large can't eat solid food because it's still weaning itself on milk. Just as it is written in verse 13 everyone who lives on milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness since he is still a child.

The church today has no concept of good and evil because they have their own version and their own idea of what good is and what evil is. To them assimilation is good. To them making themselves a friend of the world is good. To them being inclusive is good. And evil has become anyone who holds fast to the spoken word of God in the eyes of the church today.

All they have is their own concept of good and evil which is a far cry from what Yehvoah God defines as good and evil. The church today has her own brand of righteousness that is defined by her own denominational empires of men and her mother Church of Rome who even as we speak today has them bowing their knee to

the Pope of Rome by celebrating the birthday of the vicar of Christ and making a mockery of the birth of the one true only begotten Son of God who came not to give our children all the desires of their hearts... but to give them the one gift that would not only allow them to have life everlasting... but to have life more abundantly.

The divination of flying reindeer and magical elves and a Roman Catholic created toy God that comes out of the sky on his chariot to come down out of the fireplace to bless their children with all of the desires of the world is the direct opposite of everything that we are ever taught within the confines of our God breathed scripture. And it is these who are found weighed and wanting that our Messiah is talking about right here in Matthew chapter 13. They are a byproduct of the rabbinical Pharisees and scribes of his time. They continuously add to the word of God and take away from the word of God literally making void the word of God in order to hold on to their own traditions! They honor him with their lips while their hearts are far from him worshipping him in vain teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.

They have neither knowledge nor understanding, they walk about in darkness, all the foundations of the earth are shaken. How long will they judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked? Isn't it the job of the church to rescue the weak and the needy and to deliver them from the hand of the wicked? But how can the church rescue the weak and the needy and deliver them from the hand of the wicked when they themselves are full of wickedness and paganry and vanity and self-loathing?

My friends if you want to buy a gift for someone there's nothing wrong with that. Let's be clear... it is written that God loves a cheerful giver. If you want to buy your wife a gift, then buy your wife a gift. If you want to buy your husband a gift, then buy your husband a gift. If you want to buy your son or your daughter a gift, then by your son or your daughter a gift. But don't lie to their faces and tell them that the gift that you're giving them comes from a Roman Catholic created toy God. Don't lie to their face and tell them that it's the birthday of their Messiah who they clearly don't even know. Don't make a mockery of the birth of the Son of God with the divination of magical flying reindeer and magical Krampus elves and by adding to the word of God and taking away from the word of God in order to hold on to your own Roman Catholic created tradition. Don't force your children to bow down beneath a cedar tree that you have cut down and drug into the house and decorated with silver and gold. These things are explicitly forbidden for God's people to do says the very God breathed scripture that we hold in our very hands

You cannot mix and mingle the word of God with lies and deception and blasphemy and mockery and think that you are doing the will of God. Shame on us for ever even contemplating such wicked nonsense. And by the same token... let us always praise him and worship him and give him thanks and glory for taking those chains of bondage off of us and off of our children and our children's children and allowing us the blessing of having his discernment so that we can see and so that we can hear and so that we can recognize the pig pen that we have been sleeping in as prodigal sons and daughters.

Let us thank him and praise him for not allowing us to continue to be the hypocrites that the Rabbinical Pharisees and scribes were... and that today's rabbinical Pharisees and scribes are. We must always remember to humble ourselves before him and to make ourselves low in his presence, and to remember that it is because of the discernment that comes from him that he has freely given to us... that we now have the eyes to see and the ears to hear. It is because our Father in heaven is pouring out his spirit out upon his people in these last days that we have been given the opportunity to return to him as his children and to show our love for him through our obedience to his spoken word.

We are not included in the "they" and the "them" that our Messiah talks about here in Matthew chapter 13 not because of our own doing, but because of his. Not because we were righteous from the beginning, not because we are greater than anyone else created in his image... but because of his mercy and his grace. We must always remember that it is written that God has mercy upon whom God has mercy. He divides and he separates, he gives, and he takes away. He creates and he destroys. He builds up and he tears down. He dresses the fields with flowers in summer and he puts them to rest in the winter. He makes the sun rise and the sun set, and he gives the world his light as he sees fit, and for this... we can rest in knowing that he is in charge... and we are not.

In the end, all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man for God will bring every deed into judgment with every secret thing whether good or evil. For nothing is hidden except to be made manifest, nor is anything secret except to come to light. For the one who has, more will be given, and from the one who has not... even what he has will be taken away.

It is written that the Kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea

and gathered fish of every kind. When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

And so let us guard ourselves by putting on the full armor of God so that we can stand in these evil days. Let us test those who say that they are apostles and are not. Let us turn our eyes and ears away from them and back toward the God breathed scripture that we have been given that has been meant from the very beginning to help us navigate through these last days at the end of the age.

Let us judge one another with righteous judgment so that we can keep one another on the narrow path and so that the flock does not wander off into the wilderness. Let us fill our lamps with oil and let us trim them so that we are ready when he comes. And let him not find us sleeping but awake and waiting and at the ready. Before I tell you the truth... We are closer now than when we first believed.

And with that being said... as we close the books for this Sabbath day... I will do as I always do and once again ask as I always do that everyone within the sound of my voice would please... take what you have heard here today to your own prayer closet, and bow your head, and bend your knee, and face the holy promised land of Jerusalem, and ask in the name of Yeshua Hamashiach if what you have heard here today be true... or not.

Ask, seek, and knock on his door, and his door alone and the proper door will be opened to you. And if you will do that, and if you will stay the course to the end... you and I will surely walk through the gates of his soon coming kingdom together.