

God's Grand Workmanship

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**"Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints...which is Christ in you, the hope of glory...Whereunto I also labor, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily."
Col. 1:26-29.**

**"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." Eph. 2:10. Each of God's elect is more valuable to him than the whole inanimate universe. John Trapp on Psalm 8:
"neither is there so much of the glory of God in all his works of wonder as in one gracious performance of a godly person."**

"For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure." Phil. 2:13. "But we have the mind of Christ." 1 Cor. 2:16.

"Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven." Mat. 7:21.

"Marvel not at this; for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation." Jn. 5:28-29.

"Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city." Rev. 22:14.

"Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen. Heb. 13:20-21.

"But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves." James 1:22.

"What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him?...Even so faith, if it hath

not works, is dead, being alone. Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works; shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works. Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well; the devils also believe, and tremble. But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead? James 2:14-26.

“Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.” Mat. 7:20.

Vis-a-vis, “workers of iniquity” – whose works are iniquitous works – also called “evil deeds” (Jn. 5:29) and “evil fruit” (“a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.” – Mat. 7:17-18).

Resolvable By All Objective Criteria

It is of utmost importance to every son and daughter of Adam to squarely face this issue and to sincerely, honestly resolve it. At your peril – everlasting peril – you will handle this matter in a cavalier, insincere or intellectually dishonest manner. No room for self-deceit or sophistry here. Because the matter is clearly, plainly and simply resolvable by all objective criteria.

Mat. 25:31-46, where the good works/good deeds/good fruits are revealed objectively to be the affirmatively kind treatment of God’s elect in all vital areas of life – and, where the iniquitous works/evil deeds/evil fruits are revealed objectively to be the negligent ill-treatment of God’s elect in all vital areas of life. NOT, names in Heaven, believed the record, cried aloud, etc.

Mat. 10:40-42, “He that receiveth you receiveth me...He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet’s reward...And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward.” Thus, a determination must be made – and knowingly, intelligently, publicly, unashamedly, objectively acted upon – between true and false prophets. Indeed, between the righteous and the wicked: “Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not.” Mal. 3:18.

Great was the fall. Building a house on sand is a public event – plain, objective evidence of manifest folly. Likewise, building it on a massive, solid rock foundation is objective evidence of wisdom. “Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine and doeth them...(vs)...doeth them not.” Mat. 7:24-27.