

Faith is Tested by its Production of Works (2:14-26)

- A. The character of a useless faith. (14-20)
 - 1. The uselessness of an inoperative faith. (14-17)
 - 2. The barrenness of orthodox faith without works. (18-20)
- B. The demonstration of saving faith through works. (21-25)
 - 1. The working of Abraham's faith (21-24)
 - 2. The working of Rahab's faith (25)
- C. The union of saving faith and works. (26)

Questions:

What two examples does James give to show the futility of faith without works? How are these good examples?

Is James suggesting that helping the poor and hungry is a prerequisite to salvation? How do you know?

What did James mean when he said that the "demons believe"?

Is this "demon belief" a good example to show the difference between dead faith and saving faith?

Explain the difference between 'believe in God' and 'believe God'.

How would you answer the person who argues that James 2:21 teaches that our works do play an important role in our salvation?