

(2) If faith without good works could save, then, the demons would be saved because they have that kind of faith and it even has an effect on them. However, the demons are not saved and neither are those who have this kind of faith. vs. 19

4. Arguments in support of the definition of the faith that saves vss. 20-26.

a. Argument from Abraham vss. 20-24

Abraham proved he had the faith that saves by obeying God and offering his son Isaac upon the altar. By this act of obedience his faith was perfected or completed and the Scripture was fulfilled, which said, "Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness" (Gen. 15:6). As a result of his faith and the good work it produced, Abraham was called the friend of God.

b. Argument from Rahab vss 25,26

Rahab proved she had the faith that saves (Josh.2:11) by receiving the two spies into her home and sending them out of Jericho another way, i.e. by letting them down the wall of the city by a scarlet cord.

VIII. Outline of James 3

A. Warning not to be a teacher of others unless you have the gift of teaching 3:1,2a

B. Discussion of the tongue

1. Importance of the tongue 3:2b-5a

The tongue is important because if a person can control the tongue, he can control every other member of the physical body.

This is illustrated by :

a. a person controlling a horse by controlling the bit in the horse's mouth. v.3

b. a pilot controlling a huge ship in the midst of a gale by controlling the rudder on that ship. v. 4

2. Description of the tongue vs. 5b- 8.

a. It is an instrument of destruction v. 5a-6a

b. It is an embodiment of all kinds of evil v.6b

c. It defiles the other members of the body by influencing them to sin. v. 6c.