

"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 2:19-20no2 KJV



Angels can appear as normal men. Devils and demons are nothing more than fallen angels who disobeyed. They know there is no redemption for them, but still retain all their former beauty and are fearsome only in ability and power. They cannot deny the God that has cursed them, but they whisper thoughts of unbelief and temptation to foolish men who then do what comes naturally; they sin. Minds which reject Truth can only hold evil. Satan's supreme advantage is to distort the Truth of his image in the minds of men and remove it from others. He is not an ugly horned demon; he was *"the cherub that covereth till*

the day iniquity (evil) was found in him. How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! For thou hast said in thine heart, 'I will ascend into Heaven; I will exalt my throne above the stars of God. I will be like the most High.' We cannot believe in God if we do not believe there is a Satan, because God created him. He was the *"anointed cherub,"* until his beauty and power corrupted him into thinking he could be like God and he and his were cast out. Now they just mimic righteousness to destroy men; *"false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the Apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works."* God *"so loved the world"* which is why Satan and his so hate it and want it destroyed. You may say you believe standing on the highway is foolish, but unless you actually leave the roadway, it is simply rhetoric. *"He that saith, 'I know Him,' and keepeth not His Commandments, is a liar."* You may say you believe in God, but unless you obey Him, you are a liar; no better than the angels/devils who disobeyed and you will receive the same punishment! If we prance proudly about resting on our church attendance and morality, but disobey, we are faithless and evil! *"Rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft...because thou hast rejected the Word of the LORD."* Disobedience is rebellion! God abhors lukewarmness which is when someone treats faith as an accessory rather than a necessity. If your faith is just an accessory, it is worthless! Faith must be your life if you are to escape the Wrath of God! Obedience is the evidence of faith, but there is an order which must be followed. Just doing a few or even many good works is worthless. You must first become part of the family. You can't pretend to be a "Smith," you must be born a "Smith" to BE a "Smith!" *"Ye MUST be born again of the Spirit"* of God to have Eternal Life. If you do not fear God enough to obey Him, then your belief is no more than a haughty nod of acknowledgement and you will die, forever! Fools rush in where angels fear to tread. *"The FOOL hath said in his heart, 'There is no God!'"* Powerful fallen angels tremble before God, yet faux-Christians couldn't care less!

The fearsome God who reigns above,
Has offered pardon out of Love,
To those who faithfully obey,
And live to please Him day by day. -CGP

Are you born of God or do you just believe in Him? Everyone in hell believes in God! Even Satan believes in God. Trusting obedience to God's Word is the earmark of saving faith and of a true believing child of God.

"And hereby we do know that we know Him, if we keep (obey) His Commandments." 1 John 2:3 KJV