

The Devils Are More Obedient Than Most Will Ever Be

I. Introduction:

A. Jesus would tell the erring that those known to be sinners had a better chance of being in Heaven than those who thought they were good (**Matthew 21:23-32**).

1. In part, such statements were made because those of us who have sinned greatly appreciate the chance of salvation (**Luke 7:36-50**).

2. In part, such statements were made because those whom choose to be blind have ZERO chance of being saved (**Acts 28:26-27**).

3. There are unfaithful standards we must be better than (**Matthew 5:20**).

B. How “good” is the end for the devils (**Matthew 25:41**)?

1. Could one appearing to be a follower of Christ really be a devil in disguise (**John 6:60-71**)?

2. What would it take for you to be considered as a devil (**I John 3:8-10**)?

II. Body: The Devils Believe And Tremble (**James 2:19**).

A. They obeyed the authority of Christ (**Luke 10:17**).

1. Man has long rejected Christ (**Luke 9:22** and **Luke 20:9-19**).

2. We read and even sing a song about doing all by the authority of Christ (**Colossians 3:16-17**).

3. As we read the devils believed and trembled (**James 2:19**), let our obedience be fueled by more than just fear (**II Corinthians 5:14-15** and **Ephesians 6:24**).

4. They were subject by force (**Mark 3:14-15**). Let us be obedient by choice and proper excitement (**Psalms 40:8**).

B. They were willing to acknowledge the truth (**Acts 16:16-18**).

1. They knew and acknowledged Christ (**Mark 3:11**).

2. Men have not been so willing to do so (**I John 2:18-19; 22**).

3. We need keep ourselves in the right (**I John 2:23-26**).

C. They would not listen to false teachers (**Acts 19:11-16**).

1. Man is not so careful (**Jeremiah 5:31; 6:15-17** and **II Timothy 4:1-5**).

2. We must be on guard (**Proverbs 19:27** and **Ephesians 5:6**).

D. They understood their time was coming (**Matthew 8:28-34**).

1. Men downplay the coming judgment (**II Peter 3:1-14**; cf. **Eccl. 8:11**).

2. Are you ready (**Mark 13:32-37**)?

III. Conclusion: Listen up.... They had “it” but gave “it” up (**Jude 1:6**). Don’t give “it” up as they did (**Hebrews 10:35-39** and **II John 1:8**)! *It - A home in Heaven.