



**What doth it profit,
my brethren...**

**...though a man say
he hath faith, and
have not works? *can
faith save him?***

**If a brother or sister
be naked, and
destitute of daily
food, and one of you
say unto them,...**

***“Depart in peace, be
ye warmed and
filled”***

...notwithstanding
ye give them not
those things which
are needful to the
body;...

what doth it profit?

— James 2:14–16

“True believing is not an act of the understanding only, but a work of the whole heart....

That a justifying faith cannot be without works, is shown from two examples, Abraham and Rahab....

Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned unto him for righteousness. Faith, producing such works, advanced him to peculiar favours.

**We see then, ver. 24,
how that by works a
man is justified,...**

**not by a bare opinion or
profession, or believing without
obeying; but by having such faith
as produces good works.”**

—Matthew Henry's Commentary

“Through heathenism, Satan had for ages turned men away from God; but he won his great triumph in perverting the faith of Israel.

**By contemplating and worshiping
their own conceptions, the
heathen had lost a knowledge of
God, and had become more and
more corrupt....**

...So it was with Israel. The principle that man can save himself by his own works lay at the foundation of every heathen religion; it had now become the principle of the Jewish religion.

— Desire of Ages 35.2

Doing good works
***will not* save us.**

**But we have
a part to do**

**Resist the devil and
he will flee from
you.**

James 4:7

**Draw nigh to God,
and he will draw
nigh to you...**

James 4:8

Humble yourselves
in the sight of the
Lord, and he shall
lift you up.

James 4:10

“God has given man land to be cultivated. But in order that the harvest may be reaped, *there must be harmonious action between divine and human agencies.*”

The plow and other implements of labor must be used at the right time. The seed must be sown in its season....

Man is not to fail of doing his part.
**If he is careless and negligent, his
unfaithfulness testifies against
him....**

The harvest is
proportionate **to the**
energy he has
expended...

**So it is in *spiritual*
things. We are to be
laborers together
with God....**

***Man is to work out
his own salvation
with fear and
trembling,...***

...for it is God that
worketh in him, both
to will and to do of
his good pleasure.

There is to be co-
partnership, a divine
relation, between
the Son of God and
the repentant
sinner....

We are made sons and daughters of God. “As many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God.” Christ provides the mercy and grace so abundantly given to all who believe in him. He fulfils the terms upon which salvation rests....

**But we must act our
part by accepting
the blessing in faith.**

***God works and man
works....***

***Resistance of
temptation must
come from man, who
must draw his power
from God...***

**Thus he becomes a
co-partner with
Christ.”**

**—Review and Herald, May 28,
1908, par. 6-7**

As in the *physical* so
in the *spiritual*.

“In tilling the soil, in disciplining and subduing the land, lessons may constantly be learned....”

**No one would think of settling
upon a raw piece of land,
expecting it at once to yield a
harvest.**

**Earnestness, diligence, and
persevering labor are to be put
forth in treating the soil
preparatory to sowing the seed.**

**So it is in the
spiritual work in the
human heart.**

Those who would be benefited by the tilling of the soil must go forth with the word of God in their hearts. They will then find the fallow ground of the heart broken by the softening, subduing influence of the Holy Spirit.

**Unless hard work is
bestowed on the
soil, it will not yield
a harvest....**

So with the soil of the heart: the Spirit of God must work upon it to refine and discipline it before it can bring forth fruit to the glory of God.

**—Christ's Objects Lessons, p 88,
para 1**

**Going to
market**

**Provide the right
environment for
things to flourish. An
example**

The neglected palm





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