

Hear the Word of God...and Keep it!

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esus cast out a devil, and the person was able to speak. When that person who was freed from the devil spoke, the reaction of the people was mixed. "...<u>the people</u> wondered (<u>TO AD-</u> <u>MIRE</u>). But <u>some of them</u> said, He casteth out devils through Beelzebub the chief of the devils. And <u>others</u>, tempting him, sought of him a sign from heaven" (LUKE 11:14-16).

But within this same "company" of people, a certain woman "…*lifted* up her voice, and said unto him, <u>Blessed is the womb that bare</u> thee, and the paps which thou hast sucked. But he (JESUS) said, Yea rather, <u>blessed are they</u> that hear the word of God, and keep it (to obey)" (LUKE 11:27-28).



This woman, after witnessing a wonderful miracle of deliverance, lifted up her voice to this unbelieving crowd, and diverted attention <u>away</u> from the Lamb of God by praising his mother instead. But Jesus admonished her.

The world today still embraces <u>the doctrine</u> of this "certain woman" by worshipping and praying to the mother of our Lord and Savior while ignoring his words: "<u>Hear the word of God</u>."

Satan <u>knows</u> that "...<u>FAITH</u> cometh by hearing, and [the] <u>HEARING</u> [COMETH] by the Word of God" (ROMANS 10:17). His goal is to have the world <u>FIX</u> their attention on Mary, or a priest, or a pope, or a pastor, or other persons or things, instead of the Word of the God.

He hates the living Word of God, and will do anything to stop the world from hearing it, even by creating imitations of God's word. He <u>knows</u> that the Word of God is the <u>**POWER**</u> of God that brings salvation. As much as God **LOVES** mankind and willingly offered His Son to die for all, Satan **HATES** man-



kind. Knowing his own end, he seeks to distract all from <u>hearing</u> the Word of God, hoping they will all join his fate.

Beware of the devices of Satan, for "...as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtlety, so your minds should be corrupted from the <u>simplicity</u> that is in Christ" (2 COR. 11:3). Don't let it happen to you!

"Therefore whosoever **HEARETH** these sayings of mine, and **DOETH** them, I will liken him unto a **wise** man, which built his house upon a **rock**: and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and **it fell not**: for it was founded upon a rock. And every one that **HEARETH** these sayings of mine, and **DOETH** them **NOT**, shall be likened unto a **foolish** man, which built his house upon the **sand**: and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it **FELL**: and **GREAT** was the fall of it" (MATT. 7:24-27).

"...to <u>OBEY IS BETTER</u> than sacrifice" (1 SAMUEL 15:22). There is only <u>ONE</u> work: "...<u>BELIEVE</u> on him whom <u>HE</u> hath sent..." (JOHN 6:29).

What should YOU Do?

Tell God, *and ONLY* God, that you are sorry for your sins and unbelief. Ask Him to save you and make you His child. Remember... *"He that <u>believeth on him</u> is not condemned: but he that <u>believeth not</u> is con-*

demned <u>already</u>, (why) because he <u>hath not</u> <u>believed</u> in the name of the only begotten Son of God" (JOHN 3:18).



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