

Believe it or Not!

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Do we believe the word of God? At first this may seem like an easy question, but is it? Some people believe every word of God, some do not believe any, and there are those who don't seem to know what they believe.

In **Exodus 9** God sent Moses and Aaron to Pharaoh to warn him of what was going to happen. Several plagues had already come to Egypt just as God had said. They fell on the Egyptians and not on the Hebrews. Any way you look at it, Pharaoh knew that what God said, happened.

In **verse 18** He warned of a "grievous hail" that would strike the next day. Anyone in the fields would be killed, as well as any animals. God said to gather the cattle and servants in lest they die. Look at the Grace of God, he told them what to do to save themselves. They had witnessed His power enough to know that He would do what He said. Some people have told me that if they could see a miracle then

they would believe. Pharaoh and his servants had seen several and still didn't believe. Most people today wouldn't either, for it takes faith to believe in God.

In **verses 20-21** it says "...he that feared the word of the Lord among the servants of Pharaoh made his servants and his cattle flee into the houses: And he that regarded not the word of the Lord left his servants and his cattle in the field". There were some of the servants who feared to face another plague and so out of fear they obeyed. Others, hard hearted, would not obey because they didn't believe and did not fear God. Perhaps they still trusted in the false gods of Egypt. Those that trust in anything, or anyone, but God, will come to failure.

A lot of people don't seem to regard the word of the Lord. I understand, or at least I think I do, when sinners don't care about the word of God. What I don't understand is when people who say they are Christians don't regard what God says. If we believe, then we do what he says. I believe it is that simple. The Bible tells us to not forsake going to church, among other things, but there are a lot of people who will get angry if you tell them that they need to be in church. Many want to

be Christian without Christ. They regard not the Word of the Lord.

The Bible, Old Testament and New Testament, has a lot to say about the fear of God. We seem to have moved away from that, and like those of Moses' day, think that there is nothing to worry about. God says to love one another, but we don't seem to do it like we should. He tells us to forgive, obey, judge not, and many other things that don't seem to get done. Why? Because those who don't obey God do not fear Him, nor regard what He says.

We live in a time when false teachings abound. Many people have said that they don't need to go to church, quit their drinking, or anything else. Funny, God says that we do need to do the things that He has commanded us to do. I know that what God says is true, not what man says. Look at **Luke 6:46, Matt. 7:21** for instance. Today, in some ways, things are much like they were in the time of **Exodus 9**. People who believe and have a fear of God will seek to obey and those who don't believe will go their own way. Every person who did according to God's word lived, he that did not regard or obey, died. Which way are you going?

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IT IS A EVIL OMEN!

WHAT NOW WILL PHARAOH DO?

I WILL NOT LET THY PEOPLE GO!

AND PHARAOH RETIRES TO HIS PRIVATE CHAMBERS, REFUSING TO LET THE ISRAELITES GO!

THEY SHALL WORK ALL THE HARDER!

MOSES IS DOWNCAST!

GET THEE UNTO PHARAOH IN THE MORNING WHEN HE GOETH OUT UNTO THE WATER... SAY UNTO HIM, THE LORD GOD OF THE HEBREWS HATH SENT ME UNTO THEE, SAYING, LET MY PEOPLE GO... THUS SAITH THE LORD I WILL SMITE THE RIVER!

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