

Class Comments on Freemasonry

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“The Bible answer to Freemasonry” was the subject of consideration recently in our Wednesday night Bible class. Class comments on the subject added wise observations to the conclusion reached, which was: “A Christian cannot be a Freemason.” Freemasonry was presented from *Morals and Dogma* by Albert Pike, who at the time was Grand Commander of the Supreme Council; this is a 600 page book which was published in 1871 and reprinted in 1960. Two websites were referenced to provide the most accurate information on Freemasonry from their point of view. (Those websites were www.tnlodge199.org and www.weofm.org for a copy of *Morals and Dogma* see www.freemasons-freemasonry.com/apikefr.html). Of the comments that emerged from the class three will be printed here along with accompanying Scripture references for your examination and investigation.

“No man can serve two Masters.”

The man in charge of a Lodge is called “worshipful master.” Jesus said, “No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon [riches]” (Matthew 6:24). Long, long ago commander Joshua said, “Now therefore fear the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in truth: and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve ye the Lord. And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord” (Joshua 24:14-15).

“Do your good works through the church.”

No one would deny that Freemasons have done good works, such as the children’s hospitals they have built. And, no Christian can be pleasing to God without good works. Sixteen times in the New Testament God urges His children to be proliferate in good works as Titus 3:8 says, “This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men.” However, trying to get to heaven by just doing good works is not enough. In his magnificent defense before the Council Stephen observed of those who came out of Egypt physically but not in their hearts, “And they made a calf in those days, and offered sacrifice unto the idol, and rejoiced in the works of their own hands. Then God turned, and gave them up to worship the host of heaven; as it is written in the book of the prophets, O ye house of Israel, have ye offered to me slain beasts and sacrifices by the space of forty years in the wilderness? Yea, ye took up the tabernacle of Moloch, and the star of your god Remphan, figures which ye made to worship them: and I will carry you away beyond Babylon” (Acts 7:41-43). He could have very easily been speaking to modern Freemasons because they are infatuated with the same objects of worship. Therefore, instead of doing good works through Freemasonry our good works should be done through the church because Ephesians 3:21 instructs, “Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.”

“If you’ll read your Bible, you’ll get out of it.”

Freemasons believe a loyal Mason will go to heaven, but the Bible says, “Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved” (Acts 4:12).

Therefore, as a closing admonition from fellow Christians note that “no man can serve two Masters,” “do your good works through the church” where God, not you, will receive the glory, and “if you are in it read your Bible, you’ll get out of it.”