

THE FOUNDATION OF OUR FAITH

Matthew 6:9 (KJV)

⁹ After this manner therefore pray ye: **Our Father** which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

The most important thing in prayer is faith.

“Our Father who art in heaven” is the foundation of our faith. God is our father and he is in heaven.

God - Holiness – Power

Nothing takes God by surprise - whatever takes you by surprise is not taken God by surprise – he knows all things in advance.

God see all events that are going to happen to me in the future and had made provision and providence for every situation ahead of me.

THE PREDETERMINE PLAN OF GOD AND THE FOREKNOWLEDGE OF GOD

Acts 2:23 (KJV)

²³ Him, being delivered by *the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God*, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain:

The Predetermine Plan of God: God causes everything to work for my good

Foreknowledge of God: He knows every detail of what is happening to me.

All human factor doesn't matter only the counsel of the Lord stands.

THE WORD OF GOD BUILDS OUR FAITH

Romans 10:17 (KJV)

¹⁷ So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

A testimony can confirm faith you already have but faith comes by hearing God's word.

Hebrews 12:2 (KJV)

² Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Galatians 3:26 (KJV)

²⁶ For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.

The new covenant faith leads us to the fellowship with the father for Jesus was ready to suffer anything to keep the fellowship with the father and He is our example.

GOD IS PLEASED BY OUR FAITH

Romans 8:8-9 (KJV)

⁸ So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹ But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

Hebrews 11:5-6 (KJV)

But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

HOW DID GOD KNOW WE HAVE FAITH?

It very easy to trust God when things are going smoothly – when we don't have any problems in life – we can imagine that we have a lot of faith. Until the time of trial comes – it's in time of examination that God knows how much faith you have.

The trial of our faith

Luke 22:31-32 (KJV)

³¹ *And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat:*

³² *But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.*

Jesus prayed for Peter that his faith will not fail.

What is Jesus praying for?

That in time of trial when satan had obtain permission to trial you that your faith will not fail.

We have to build our strength in time of peace for there will be a time of tribulation

We must not imagine that everything will be always perfect but there will be a time of trial.

The more we build our strength in time of peace, the easiest we will conquer in time of battle.

THREE THINGS ABOUT FAITH:

1. FAITH IS CONFIDENCE IN GOD

Romans 4:20-21 (KJV)

²⁰ *He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God;* ²¹ *And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.*

You should not be looking for faith inside you but the promise of God.

2. FAITH IS DEPENDENT ON GOD

Why God drove Adam and Eve from the garden

Genesis 3:5 (KJV)

⁵ *For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. (meaning man will not depend on God anymore on knowing the good and evil)*

If you depend on yourself, you will die and if you depend on God, you will live

Without me you can do nothing – like the branch can produce nothing without the tree

John 15:5 (KJV)

⁵ *I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.*

(A branch can never produce fruit of itself, it needs the tree – that's the other tree of life : total dependent on God where you are guided by the Holy Spirit)

Faith is total dependency on God – if you choose the good, then you miss the best or the excellent.

ONE OF THE BIGGEST HINDRANCES TO FAITH IS PRIDE

Habakkuk 2:4 (KJV)

⁴ *Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith (quoted three times in the new testament: Roman 1:17, Gal 3:11, Heb 10:38).*

Proud people cannot have faith because they cannot humble themselves. : Matt 8:5 (Roman centurion) but the pharisee could not believe because of pride - they think they knew more the Bible.

Faith and humility go together – pride and unbelief go together

DO YOU BELIEVE JESUS CAN DO IT FOR YOU?

Matthew 9:27-28 (KJV)

²⁷ *And when Jesus departed thence, two blind men followed him, crying, and saying, Thou Son of David, have mercy on us.*

²⁸ *And when he was come into the house, the blind men came to him: and Jesus saith unto them, **Believe ye that I am able to do this?** They said unto him, Yea, Lord.*

3. FAITH BRINGS OBEDIENCE TO GOD

Romans 1:5 (KJV)

⁵ *By whom we have received grace and apostleship, for **obedience to the faith among all nations, for his name:***

In the Old Testament, it was obedience of fear less God punish me, or obedience of reward (God will bless me by obeying Him, He will heal me, prosper me etc..)

Everything God tells me to do is for my good.

IF GOD TELLS ME TO FORGIVE SOMEONE, IT'S FOR MY GOOD:

Unforgiveness is satanic device to trap people from receiving their breakthrough

2 Corinthians 2:10-11 (KJV)

¹⁰ *To whom ye forgive any thing, I forgive also: for if I forgave any thing, **to whom I forgave it, for your sakes forgave I it in the person of Christ;***

¹¹ *Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.*

1 John 3:21-22 (KJV)

²¹ *Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God. ²² And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.*