

## **WHAT IS TRUE FAITH?**

**Hebrews 11:6 (KJV)**

<sup>6</sup> *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.*

**THE QUESTION IS BY WHOSE FAITH SHALL WE LIVE?**

**Hebrews 11:4... (KJV)**

<sup>4</sup> *By faith Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses etc*

**External miracles were the characteristics of old covenants faith, and they never change us inwardly.**

**If our faith rest on any of the people of the Old Testament then we are missing what God has for us in the new covenant – faith in the new covenant is better than faith in the old covenant.**

**Hebrews 11:39-40 (KJV)**

<sup>39</sup> *And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise:*

<sup>40</sup> *God having provided some better thing for us,*

**Christ did many miracles but that's not what is mentioned here – but the fellowship with father – nobody in the New Testament could call God “My Father”**

**Hebrews 12:2 (KJV)**

<sup>2</sup> *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.*

**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.**

**Romans 10:17 (KJV)**

<sup>17</sup> *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.

**THREE THINGS ABOUT FAITH:**

### **1. FAITH IS CONFIDENCE IN GOD**

**Romans 4:20-21 (KJV)**

<sup>20</sup> *He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God;* <sup>21</sup> *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)**

<sup>5</sup> *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)**

*<sup>5</sup> 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)**

*<sup>4</sup> 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)

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

*<sup>28</sup> 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)**

*<sup>5</sup> 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 a satanic device to trap people from receiving their breakthrough**

**2 Corinthians 2:10-11 (KJV)**

*<sup>10</sup> 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;***

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

**2 Peter 3:8-9 (KJV)**

*<sup>8</sup> But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.*

**God is not willing that any should perish – God is not slow**

*<sup>9</sup> The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.*

**1 Corinthians 1:21-31 (KJV)**

<sup>21</sup> *For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.*

<sup>22</sup> *For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom:*

<sup>23</sup> *But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness;*

<sup>24</sup> ***But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.***

<sup>25</sup> *Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men.*

**People that the Lord calls – wait and depend on him**

<sup>26</sup> *For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called:*

<sup>27</sup> *But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty;*

<sup>28</sup> *And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are:*

<sup>29</sup> ***That no flesh should glory in his presence.***