

WHAT IS FAITH?

Many people have discussed the subject of faith. Many religious leaders and Christian people have wondered really what is faith? Remember, we are human beings. Faith is a spiritual thing. Adam, the first man, did not need faith like we do because The Most High visited him daily in person. So there was no need for Adam to have faith to believe that God exist.

Genesis 3:19 And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof.

After the fall of Adam, man was no longer allowed to see God in person. So faith had to be brought to the mind of man. Faith is the spirit that lets us know that God exists and that no man can come in contact with God except by faith.

Hebrews 11:6 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.

Once you have the faith to believe God exists then you must know what God likes and dislikes. In order to

know what God likes and dislikes, you have to study the Holy Bible with the spirit of faith.

God only likes what He has recorded in the scriptures because the bible says that the things which are revealed belong to the children of men but the secret things belong to God.

Deuteronomy 29:29 The secret things belong unto the LORD our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law.

The main thing that God likes is for us to be obedient to His royal law which is the 10 Commandments. These build character in us. And by obeying them, all the benefits of faith begin to flow our way.

You may have heard that you can have faith about anything and God will do it for you. But it's all based on obedience. God said that obedience is better than sacrifice.

1 Samuel 15:22 And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.

Many people think they are receiving things by faith when they are only receiving what the Most High promised in Matthew 5:45; that He will let the sun shine on the just as well as the unjust.

Matthew 5:45 That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

Faith is doing the will of God. Remember it's the spirit that connects you to God. That's the reason He said the just shall live by faith. What you want God to do for you must be based on His plan for you only.

Sometimes when we pray and things do not happen like we ask, we must search and see if it's God's will. That will keep us from being frustrated and feeling disappointed in God.

Some people have given up on God in their lives because something happened and they thought God should have prevented it and He did not. And they have lost the faith they had in God.

Remember, the bible says all things work together for the good to those that love the Lord.

The Most High does not have to give an account for anything that He does. He is the potter and we are the clay. We must say like Jesus says, “Not my will but thy will be done”.

Romans 9:20 Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus?

21 Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour?

Matthew 26:42 He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done.

Remember, God has given every human a measure of faith but you can increase your faith through prayer and supplication.

Romans 12:3 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

Luke 17:5 And the apostles said unto the Lord, Increase our faith.

Understand that to increase your faith, Jesus said, this kind comes by nothing but fasting and praying. Try to do all your fasting while you are young and your body is strong. This will store up major faith in your spiritual life.

So when you need those major things to be done, you can use your reserve faith and prayer life to get the job done.

Mark 9:29 And he said unto them, This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting.

Faith can be used to get money. That's why the bible says that faith is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen.

Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

For example, if you need a house or an automobile or some major financial blessing, pray in the spirit and tell God what you want Him to do for you. God will put you in contact with someone who has the things you need.

When the widow woman lost her husband and she and her only son were in a great famine, God put her in

contact with Elijah the prophet who blessed her oil bottle and her wheat basket. She and her son were able to live when they thought they were going to die. All these things happened for her because she had faith to believe in the prophet of God.

I Kings 17:9 **Arise, get thee to Zarephath, which belongeth to Zidon, and dwell there: behold, I have commanded a widow woman there to sustain thee.**

10So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, the widow woman was there gathering of sticks: and he called to her, and said, Fetch me, I pray thee, a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.

11And as she was going to fetch it, he called to her, and said, Bring me, I pray thee, a morsel of bread in thine hand.

12And she said, As the LORD thy God liveth, I have not a cake, but an handful of meal in a barrel, and a little oil in a cruse: and, behold, I am gathering two sticks, that I may go in and dress it for me and my son, that we may eat it, and die.

13And Elijah said unto her, Fear not; go and do as thou hast said: but make me thereof a little cake first, and bring it unto me, and after make for thee and for thy son.

14For thus saith the LORD God of Israel, The barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day that the LORD sendeth rain upon the earth.

15And she went and did according to the saying of Elijah: and she, and he, and her house, did eat many days.

Also remember, the gentile woman who wanted Jesus to heal her daughter had great faith and Jesus did it for her.

Matthew 15:28 Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.

There are many more examples in the bible where faith along with prayer always produced results.

The apostle Jude said, “You must build up your faith by praying in the Holy Ghost”.

Jude 1:20 But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost

Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God. Once you have connected with God, you have Him forever if you keep your faith strong. You will be able to ask Him for those things you need to have a successful life.

Romans 10:17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

You have to have faith if you want to be healed. You have to use faith you have stored up from praying in the Holy Ghost. Also read all the scriptures pertaining

to healing in the bible. Below are some of those scriptures on healing the body:

Isaiah 53:5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

2 Chronicles 30:20 And the LORD hearkened to Hezekiah, and healed the people.

Psalms 103:3 Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;

Jeremiah 33:6 Behold, I will bring it health and cure, and I will cure them,

James 5:16 Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much

3 John 1:2 Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

These are only a few scriptures in the bible that will increase your faith so that you can believe that you will be healed.

Remember, faith is important in a Christian's life. Faith comes by listening to good and consecrated ministers who can help you build your faith and will be an

example of living by faith as they lead you. For James said, “Show me your faith without your works and I’ll show you my faith by my works.”

James 2:18 Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.

In these last days and perilous times, when the economy is bad and job loss is increasing, we need faith more than ever to get through these trying times.

So you must have the faith to create new ideas on how to promote your business, your church and keep your job by having a prayerful life and a personal relationship with the Most High. So when a crisis arrives, you can by faith, get the job done.

Below are some scriptures on how faith works.

By faith Isaac sowed in famine and reaped a hundredfold.

Genesis 26:12 Then Isaac sowed in that land, and received in the same year an hundredfold: and the LORD blessed him.

By faith Jacob made a vow when he was homeless and God brought him again to his father’s house.

Genesis 28:20 And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on,

21 So that I come again to my father's house in peace; then shall the LORD be my God:

By faith, Rahab the harlot saved her family by hiding the spies that God sent to spy out the land for His people.

Hebrews 11:31 By faith the harlot Rahab perished not with them that believed not, when she had received the spies with peace.

Hebrews 11: 4 By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh.

5 By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

6 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.

7 By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his

house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.

8By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.

9By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise:

10For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

11Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised.

12Therefore sprang there even of one, and him as good as dead, so many as the stars of the sky in multitude, and as the sand which is by the sea shore innumerable.

13These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

14For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country.

15And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned.

16But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city.

17By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son,

18Of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called:

19Accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure.

20By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come.

21By faith Jacob, when he was a dying, blessed both the sons of Joseph; and worshipped, leaning upon the top of his staff.

22By faith Joseph, when he died, made mention of the departing of the children of Israel; and gave commandment concerning his bones.

23By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw he was a proper child; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment.

24By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter;

25Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;

26Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward.

27By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible.

28Through faith he kept the passover, and the sprinkling of blood, lest he that destroyed the firstborn should touch them.

29By faith they passed through the Red sea as by dry land: which the Egyptians assaying to do were drowned.

30By faith the walls of Jericho fell down, after they were compassed about seven days.

All these saints lived by faith once they had come in contact with the Most High, and their lives were very successful. The same thing can happen for you, if you if you live by faith.

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