

RELEASING YOUR FAITH: Part 2 - The God Kind of Faith

Questions:

- How Does Faith Work?
 - Is There More Than One Kind of Faith?
 - What is the God Kind of Faith?
 - What is the Faith of God?
 - Is Believing In God and Having Faith the Same Thing?
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Scripture Reference:

"Have Faith in God" [Mark 11:22 KJV]

Understanding Scripture:

One of the most important scriptures in the New Testament is the passage where Jesus, responding to the disciples who were amazed at a miraculous event said: "**Have Faith in God?**" [Mark 11:22]

Scholars who have a deeper understanding of the Ancient Greek language tells us that a more accurate translation of this passage is: "**Have God's Faith**". In other words "**Have the God Kind or type of faith**".

I realize that the fact that God has faith, and uses faith will come to many as a surprise, yet Hebrews 11:3 as well as many other passages assure us that not only does God have faith - but he also uses faith.

Understanding What Faith Is:

Contrary to what most people think: Faith is not simply believing in the *existence* of God. Instead, Faith is the spiritual FORCE use by God to create all that there is [Hebrews 11:3] and He has also given it to men, as the means whereby we are able to *receive* all the blessing of God.

After telling us that we are to have faith in Mark 11:22, Jesus also explained *how* faith works in the next verse. Faith is the process, or the corresponding action that accompanies what we believe. IF we believe that what we say will come to pass, regardless of how things look, feel, or sound, and don't doubt in our heart that our words have the power to change the situation, then what we *say* will manifest.

Faith versus Sight:

Faith is not based upon what we see. Actually, faith operates in direct *opposition* to what the natural senses reveal to us (sight, sound, touch, taste, smell). Faith is a spiritual force that *supersedes* the natural or physical laws of nature and causes what is to become what we want!

2Corinthians 5:7 states that we are to "**Walk by Faith and NOT by Sight**".

Hebrews 11:1 tells us that Faith is the "**evidence of things NOT seen**".

We must understand that God is *not* affected by what He *sees*. Instead He changes what He sees into what he wants by His Words. He speaks and fully expects that His Words *will* manifest into situation and change the circumstances.

A great example of this is found in Genesis Chapter 1 verses 2-3:

[2]"**And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. [3] And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.**"

Notice that God did not allow the darkness to *affect* Him. He was not affected by what he *saw*. He simply spoke light into the darkness and the situation *changed*. He believed that what he said *would* manifest, and it did - that's called faith.

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Two Kinds of Faith:

Unfortunately there is more than one type (kind) of faith and it is important for us to discover which kind of faith we are using.

The God Kind of Faith:

Type 1 (the God Kind of Faith) believes before it sees the actual physical manifestation of it. The God kind of faith believes what God has said *before* or without the necessity of seeing it. (We walk by FAITH and NOT by sight: 2Cor 5:7)

The Thomas Kind of Faith:

Type two works directly the opposite of how the God Kind of faith operates. A perfect example of this second kind of faith is given us in John 20:25. In this example Jesus has appeared to the disciples after His resurrection, but Thomas was not with them when he appeared. The disciples tell Thomas that they have seen the Lord and Thomas refuses to *believe* them.

"The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe." [John 20:25]

Notice that Thomas states that unless, or until he sees the Lord: He will **NOT** believe.

This is how so many of God's people also deal with the promises of God. They will not believe them until they see them manifest. Like Thomas, they want to see before they believe, they want to feel before they believe, they want to experience the promise *before* they believe what God has said about the situation.

Faith Believes Without Seeing:

Eight days after Thomas has stated that he will not believe until he sees the Lord with his own eyes, Jesus appears again. Jesus allows Thomas to see him, touch him and feel him - and then Jesus makes another astounding statement: "**Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.**" [John 20:29 NIV]

Notice that Jesus stated that it's *not* the ones who have believed because they have seen, but rather it is the ones who believed **without** seeing.

Why is this believing without seeing a blessing?

Because it is believing without seeing that is the God Kind of Faith in operation - and it is the God Kind of Faith that causes the promises of God to *manifest* in our life!

Remember what Jesus Said to Martha:

"**Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?"** [John 11:40]

Notice that the promise of God (healing, deliverance, provision, etc) is manifested in our life **ONLY** if and when we BELIEVE it. Most are looking to SEE it before they believe it and they do not understand that we must **FIRST** *believe* the promise if we are to see it.

What Kind of Faith Do You Have?:

This powerful message will teach you the difference between the God Kind of Faith and the Thomas Kind of Faith: (The kind of faith that insists on seeing before it will believe). I encourage you to listen to the complete teaching on this subject and discover how to Have the God Kind of Faith.

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