FAITH: LITTLE FAITH OR GREAT FAITH?

(Heb 11:6 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.

1. WITHOUT FAITH, IMPOSSIBLE TO PLEASE GOD.

- 1. Must believe that He is.
- 2. *And that He is the rewarder o*f those who diligently seek Him.
- 3. **Definition of faith.** (Heb 11:1 KJV) Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

2. JESUS REBUKED THOSE WITH LITTLE OR NO FAITH.

- 1. *Fearful; no faith.* (Mark 4:40 KJV) And he said unto them, Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith?
- 2. Lack of faith for provisions.
 - 1. (Mat 6:30 KJV) Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?
 - 2. (Mat 16:8 KJV) Which when Jesus perceived, he said unto them, O ye of little faith, why reason ye among yourselves, because ye have brought no bread?
- 3. Lack of faith for circumstances.
 - 1. (Mat 8:26 KJV) And he saith unto them, Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith? Then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm.
 - 2. (Luke 8:25 KJV) And he said unto them, Where is your faith? And they being afraid wondered, saying one to another, What manner of man is this! for he commandeth even the winds and water, and they obey him.
- 4. **Distractions** (Mat 14:31 KJV) And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?

3. JESUS COMMENDED THOSE WHO HAD GREAT FAITH.

- 1. **The Centurion.** (Mat 8:10 KJV) When Jesus heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.
- 2. **The Syrophenician woman.** (Mat 15:28 KJV) 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.

4. PERCEIVING THOSE WHO HAD FAITH.

1. **Jesus.**

- 1. (Mat 9:2 KJV) And, behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed: and Jesus seeing their faith said unto the sick of the palsy; Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee.
- 2. (Mat 9:22 KJV) But Jesus turned him about, and when he saw her, he said, Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole. And the woman was made whole from that hour.
- 2. **Paul.** (Acts 14:8 KJV) And there sat a certain man at Lystra, impotent in his feet, being a cripple from his mother's womb, who never had walked: (Acts 14:9 KJV) The same heard Paul speak: who stedfastly beholding him, and perceiving that he had faith to be healed.

5. RESULTS OF FAITH.

- 1. **Lord, increase our faith**. (Luke 17:5 KJV) And the apostles said unto the Lord, (Luke 17:6 KJV) And the Lord said, If ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye might say unto this sycamine tree, Be thou plucked up by the root, and be thou planted in the sea; and it should obey you.
- 2. Faith as a grain of mustard seed. (Mat 17:20 KJV) And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you. (Mat 21:21 KJV) Jesus answered and said unto them, Verily I say unto you, If ye have faith, and doubt not, ye shall not only do this which is done to the fig tree, but also if ye shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; it shall be done.
- 3. Speaking to the mountain. (Mark 11:22 KJV) And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God. (Mark 11:23 KJV) For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. (Mark 11:24 KJV) Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.
- 4. Thy faith has made you whole.
 - 1. Woman with issue of blood. (Mark 5:34 KJV) And he said unto her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague.
 - 2. Blind man. (Mark 10:52 KJV) And Jesus said unto him, Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole. And immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way.
 - 3. The one leper who returned to thank Jesus. (Luke 17:19 KJV) And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole.

6. FAITH FOR SALVATION.

1. Justification by faith.

- 1. (Gal 3:11 KJV) But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith.
- 2. (Rom 3:22 KJV) Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:
- 3. (Rom 3:25 KJV) Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;
- 4. (Rom 5:1 KJV) Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:
- 5. (Gal 2:16 KJV) Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.
- 2. **Righteousness by faith.** (Rom 10:6 KJV) But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down from above:)(Rom 10:7 KJV) Or, Who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.)
 - 1. (Rom 10:8 KJV) But what saith it? The word is night hee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach;
 - 2. (Rom 10:9 KJV) That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.
 - 3. (Rom 10:10 KJV) For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.
 - 4. (Rom 10:11 KJV) For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.
 - 5. (Rom 10:12 KJV) For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.
 - 6. (Rom 10:13 KJV) For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.
 - 1. (Rom 10:14 KJV) How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?
 - 2. (Rom 10:15 KJV) And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!
 - 7. (Rom 10:16 KJV) But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report?
 - 8. (Rom 10:17 KJV) So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.
 - 9. (Rom 10:18 KJV) But I say, Have they not heard? Yes verily, their sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world.

7. BLESSINGS OF GOD BY FAITH.

- 1. *Receive the spirit by faith.* (Gal 3:2 KJV) This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?
- 2. Working of miracles by faith. (Gal 3:5 KJV) He therefore that ministereth to you the Spirit, and worketh miracles among you, doeth he it by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?
- 3. **Blessings of Abraham.** (Gal 3:14 KJV) That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith. (Gal 3:26 KJV) For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.