

## **When Our Faith Meets Up With God's Expectations.**

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Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 NRSV

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup>Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

<sup>8</sup> By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup>By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup>By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup>Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, 'as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.'

<sup>13</sup> All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, <sup>14</sup>for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup>If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup>But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Luke 12:32-40 NRSV

<sup>32</sup> 'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. <sup>35</sup> 'Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; <sup>36</sup>be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup>Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup>If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

<sup>39</sup> 'But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>40</sup>You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

### Faith's Is A Necessity In Our Relationship to God.

*Faith is vitally important in God's view of things, as Hebrews 11:6 says, that without faith it is impossible to please God.*

### How Could We Define Bible Faith?

*( Bible ) Faith is grasping the unrealities of hope and bringing them into the realm of reality. If you will, it is our confidence in God's Word and His divine ability to carry out His Covenant in the lives of His people.*

### Satan tries to Blind Men's Hearts.

Believers can see results. Unbelievers are blinded, unable to let faith arise in their soul ( the mind, will and emotions ). That keeps them from believing or seeing the things God wants to reveal to them.

2 Corinthians 4:4 NRSV

<sup>4</sup>In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

### God Wants Us To See Through Eyes Of Faith. Recognizing The Source, Christ Jesus.

*Satan is a thief and a liar. He wants you to believe that your work, your employer, your best friend or the government is your source of supply. The truth of the matter is that God is the Source! For He created it all, He reigns over all, and His determination can use anyone or anything to establish those channels of support in your life. To bless and or give increase into your life, He is the Provider, Jehovah Jireh.*

Philippians 4:19 CEB

My God will meet your every need out of his riches in the glory that is found in Christ Jesus.

2 Corinthians 9: 10,11 CEB

10 The one who supplies seed for planting and bread for eating will supply and multiply your seed and will increase your crop, which is righteousness. 11 You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous in every way. Such generosity produces thanksgiving to God through us.

### God's Character And Intentions Are Always Honorable.

John 10:10, 11 NRSV

<sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly. 11 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

***God has good intentions for His Sheep and the Word says He is the Good Shepherd. Who promised His children an abundant life.***

Jesus in preparing his disciples for His departure. Personally built up their faith by each one of them hearing and seeing what the living God could do in the lives of men and women. Expressing His compassion and love to all He came in contact with. Then by imparting and outpouring His Holy Spirit in believer. The faith filled believer who has placed their trust and live's in Him. Begins to see the fruit of faith

in their daily walk and lifestyle of living. As the fruit of the Spirit begins to develop through the believer's life.

Get Into The Word Of God And Correct Wrong Thinking. About God, His Intentions and His Creation.

*Let your traditions, doctrines and opinions have its foundation out of the Word of God. It will build up your confidence, and allow you to understand what a Covenant Christian is all about. Allowing for the ministry of the Holy Spirit to work without hindrance, and see God's maximum output through your faith. Expressing it in your lifestyle and attitude toward your fellow man.*

Faith Comes By.  
Romans 10:17 CEB

So, faith comes from listening, but it's listening by means of Christ's message ( The Word ).

Right Thinking Produced By.  
Ephesians 4:22-24

22 change the former way of life that was part of the person you once were, corrupted by deceitful desires.  
23 Instead, renew the thinking in your mind by the Spirit 24 and clothe yourself with the new person created according to God's image in justice and true holiness.

Keep Your Thinking Upward In Direction ( upon the Lord ). Focus On The Positive, A Higher Level of Living.

Colossians 3:2 CEB

2 Think about the things above and not things on earth.

*Thinking righteously removes selfishness from your life. Implanting the heart of God into your christian walk. Giving you the ability to live out your life under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. While putting aside selfish things, and walking in selfless ways. This Is The God Kind Of Life.*

*This lifestyle will see your faith meet God's expectations in your christian walk. For you will walk in love and be able to see the full nature of God's provision, protection and grace in your lifestyle of faith. Reflecting Jesus in His most profound and unique nature to all you come in contact to.*

Romans 8:5 CEB

People whose lives are based on selfishness think about selfish things, but people whose lives are based on the Spirit think about things that are related to the Spirit.