

FAITH THAT TRIUMPHS

Hebrews 11:1-9:

1 Now Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

2 For by it the elders obtained a good report.

3 Through Faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the Word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

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.

knowing whither he went.

9 By 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:

Faith is the hand of the soul that reaches up to the Lord Jesus Christ, and never comes back empty. It is the soul's golden key that unlocks the treasure house of Glory, and it is given by our Lord Jesus Christ to His precious ones.

Brother Paul said in:

Philippians 4:19: But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in Glory by Christ Jesus.



Galatians 2:20: I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the Faith of the Son of God, Who loved me, and gave Himself for me.

Ephesians 3:12: In Whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the Faith of Him.

James 2:1: My brethren, have not the Faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with respect of persons

It is high time we cease operating on the earthly plan of faith, and enter into the Divine provision. Only then will the **“exceeding great and precious Promises of God”** be exceedingly great and precious to us, for they will go to work for us.

2 Peter 1:4: Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious Promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the Divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

Paul gives us the definition of faith in one verse, **“Faith is SUBSTANCE and EVIDENCE”**. Then in the succeeding verses he tells us what faith does by describing its effects in language almost unparalleled in Scriptures.



First, he records a few of the brightest examples of faith’s triumphs in the lives of simple, trusting saints. Then, he bursts forth in a grand summary with such striking succession as though he could hold back no longer, and becomes submerged in the ocean of heavenly ecstasy!

This mighty, magnificent group of heroes of faith was especially a challenge to the Hebrew saints. Those martyrs were the pride and glory of every son and daughter of Abraham. The apostle then shows that all this is the outcome of real, genuine faith; yea, the same faith to which they must hold fast and cherish unto the end of the Christian race.

1. The definition of Faith is given in:

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



In other words, Faith is the well-grounded assurance of that for which we hope, and a conviction of the reality of things we do not see.

Faith substantiates the Promises of God, and makes them present realities by the Holy Spirit. Faith is dependence upon the Word of God, that He will make it good to us.

Hebrews 11:6: Without Faith, it is impossible to please God, for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.”

We need Scriptural Faith. Therefore, we must know the Word. We are told in:

Romans 10:17: So then Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.

Then by prayer and surrender and obedience to the Word of God, Jesus will give us the laying hold of confidence and assurance.

Faith is not a blind plunge into the dark, for the Word declares it is substance and evidence.

Psalms 9:10: And they that know Thy Name will put their trust in Thee: for Thou, LORD, hast not forsaken them that seek Thee.

A measure of knowledge is essential. In order to have faith in the Word, it is necessary to *study* the Word.

Isaiah 55:3: Incline your ear, and come unto Me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting Covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David.



Daniel 11:32: And such as do wickedly against the Covenant shall he corrupt by flatteries: but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits.

Faith has its source in the Lord Jesus, and its best rewards are found in the multitude who faultlessly appropriate the Word and power . . .



Mark 6:56: And whithersoever He entered, into villages, or cities, or country, they laid the sick in the streets, and besought Him that they might touch if it were but the border of His garment: and as many as touched Him were made whole.

Notice it says they were made whole — they were not patched up!

Faith stakes its claims of assurance on the Eternal Word of Christ Who said:

Matthew 24:35: Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My Words shall not pass away.

Real Faith lays hold of all Christ said about Who He said He is, and believes He will do what He has promised.

2. Here is the list of examples of Faith wherein we find the evidence and accomplishments of *true* Faith.

Notice, at the very beginning, we have the knowledge of Faith.

Hebrews 11:3: Through Faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the Word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

There have been many efforts of modern science to unveil the mysteries of the universe. One named Dr. Brooks declared that the atom is the smallest divisible part of matter that the human mind can conceive. Dr. Robert Millikan, an American physicist, received the Nobel Prize for Physics in 1923 along with \$40,000 for stating the very same thing that Paul stated in Holy Scripture which is, incidentally, the best found literature on the atomic theory. But brother Paul did not receive a thin dime for anticipating Dr. Millikan's findings 18 centuries earlier.



Beloved, when reason and research of little man has exhausted itself, we are obliged to declare that this wonderful world is the workmanship of the eternal God. When the scientist comes to the end of his research, we can – thru Faith in Christ – see the wonders of His universe, as we better know the Author of Creation.

3. Worship of Faith.

Hebrews 11:4a: By Faith, Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain.

Abel believed the Promises of God, that through the shedding of blood, salvation would be his, which was in anticipation of the sacrifice of Calvary. Abel's faith in Jesus and the Blood cost him his life on earth; but he lives on.



Hebrews 11:4b: *God testifying of his gifts; and by it he being dead yet speaketh.*

4. Translation of Faith.

Hebrews 11:5: *By Faith, Enoch was translated, that he should not see death, and was found not, because God had translated him.*



We hear much of Justification by Faith, or Saving Faith, but let this seldom talked of “Translation Faith” give us understanding. Every true believer has been delivered from the power of darkness and has been translated into the Kingdom of God’s dear Son.

5. The Preciousness of Faith.

Hebrews 11:6a: *Without Faith, it is impossible to please Him.*

Faith is precious because it comes from God. It comes from His Word, and it is our protection against the wiles of the devil.

Ephesians 6:16: *Above all, taking the Shield of Faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.*

True Faith is precious because it is a gift of the Holy Spirit.

Galatians 5:22: *But the Fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance:*

And Jesus must increase it.

Luke 17:5: *And the Apostles said unto the Lord, Increase our Faith.*

Miracles cannot be done without it.

Matthew 13:58: *And He did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief.*

Zacharias, a priest, was struck dumb because he did not believe the message of the angel of the Lord who told him God would give him and his barren wife a son whom they were to name John. This son would be filled with the Holy Spirit from the womb, and would turn many of the Children of Israel unto the Lord.



Luke 1:15-20:

15 For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb.

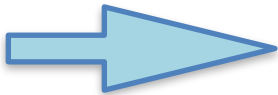
16 And many of the Children of Israel shall he turn to the Lord their God.

17 And he shall go before Him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.

18 And Zacharias said unto the angel, Whereby shall I know this? for I am an old man, and my wife well stricken in years.

19 And the angel answering said unto him, I am Gabriel, that stand in the Presence of God; and am sent to speak unto thee, and to shew thee these glad tidings.

20 And, behold, thou shalt be dumb, and not able to speak, until the day that these things shall be performed, because thou believest not my words, which shall be fulfilled in their season.



Faith honors Him and turns His power loose so that signs and wonders follow. Unbelief dishonors God, breaks His heart, robs Him of Glory, and robs ourselves of many wonderful blessings.

6. Salvation by Faith.

Hebrews 11:7: 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.

As God peeled off the thunders – and another series of thunders – Noah remembered that which God had said 120 years before was now reaching a dreadful realization to those on the outside. Those on the outside had refused the only way of Salvation, and they perished.



Those who accept, by free grace, the mercy of God and the provided refuge in the Ark — which is Christ — cannot perish, but **“shall have everlasting life.”**

7. The Life of Faith.

Romans 4:3: For what saith the Scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness.

Abraham heard the call of God to go, and he went, knowing not the name of the land, nor the way — but he knew the Way-maker!



The devil would have scared him skinny, trying to paralyze his faith, but Abraham obeyed the Lord, and thereby wrote for himself an imperishable name — *Friend of God*. What a wonderful title! It came only by a wonderful God to a wonderful obedience.

James 2:23: And the Scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God.

WHAT IS FAITH?

Faith IS THE EYE by which we look to Jesus.

A dim sighted eye is still an eye; a weeping eye is still an eye.

Faith is the hand with which we lay hold of Jesus.

A trembling hand is still a hand.

Faith is the tongue by which we taste how good the Lord is.

A feverish tongue is nevertheless a tongue.

Faith is the foot by which we come to Jesus.

A lame foot is still a foot.

He who comes slowly nevertheless comes.

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