

THE THIRD GIFT OF THE SPIRIT IS FAITH

Text:

1 Corinthians 12:9: To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit.

DEFINITION: The Holy Spirit Gift of Faith is the supernatural impartation of Divine Faith into the heart of some believers in Christ, selected by the Holy Spirit, to be the recipient of this particular Gift.

That is why the text said: To another "faith" by the same Spirit.
Further down in verse 11 we read:

1 Corinthians 12:11: But all these worketh that one and the self same Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.

1. All spiritual gifts are given and regulated by the Sovereign Grace of God.
This we learn in:

Romans 12:6: Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith;

2. The Grace of our Lord is abundant.

1 Timothy 1:14: And the grace of our Lord was exceeding abundant with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.

3. Even though the Holy Spirit does select certain ones to receive this special Gift of Faith, that particular gift is not limited to these particular persons, exclusively.

Covet earnestly the BEST GIFTS

1 Corinthians 12:31: But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way.

Follow after CHARITY

1 Corinthians 14:1: Follow after charity, and desire spiritual gifts, but rather that ye may prophesy.

Stir up the GIFT OF GOD

2 Timothy 1:6: Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands.

For I LONG TO SEE YOU

Romans 1:11: For I long to see you, that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to the end ye may be established;

HE GAVE GIFTS

Ephesians 4:8: Wherefore He saith, "When He ascended up on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men."

The Blessing of the LORD DWELLING AMONG MEN

Psalms 68:18: Thou hast ascended on high, Thou hast led captivity captive: Thou hast received gifts for men; yea, for the rebellious also, that the Lord God might dwell among them.

Question: *What do these verses reveal to us?*

Answer: That this particular Gift of Faith is available to all believers - and not alone to the select or elect persons chosen by the Holy Spirit to receive this gift.

Question: Can this spiritual Gift of Faith be developed and even multiplied.

Answer: Certain gifts can be developed and even multiplied. This is one of them. We will now give to you some proof scriptures which will confirm this fact.

Question: If spiritual gifts dried out at the end of the lives of the apostles, as the scholarly and educated theologians claim, why would the Holy Spirit exhort us to covet earnestly the best gifts? Or, to desire spiritual gifts?

1 Corinthians 1:7: So that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ:

This verse alone, in itself, reveals that all the gifts are to remain here on the earth until the Lord Jesus Christ returns.

Answer: Since the Lord Jesus gave these spiritual gifts out in Ephesians 4:8 to the first century church, then, He would be a respecter of persons if He denied our having them in this day, also. The Word of God clearly teaches - If we have **respect of persons** we commit sin.

- 1. James 2:9: But if ye have respect to persons, ye commit sin, and are convinced of the law as transgressors.***
- 2. Romans 2:11: For there is no respect of persons with God.***

Ephesians 6:9: And, ye masters, do the same things unto them, forbearing threatening: knowing that your Master also is in Heaven; neither is there respect of persons with Him.

- 3. Colossians 3:25: But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done: and there is no respect of persons.***

4. ***Deuteronomy 1:17: Ye shall not respect persons in judgment; but ye shall hear the small as well as the great; ye shall not be afraid of the face of man; for the judgment is God's: and the cause that is too hard for you, bring it unto me, and I will hear it.***
5. ***Deuteronomy 16:19: Thou shalt not wrest judgment; thou shalt not respect persons, neither take a gift: for a gift doth blind the eyes of the wise, and pervert the words of the righteous.***
6. ***Leviticus 19:15: Ye shall do no unrighteousness in judgment: thou shalt not respect the person of the poor, nor honor the person of the mighty: but in righteousness shalt thou judge thy neighbour.***

A. The LORD GOD is the FIRST giver of DIVINE FAITH:

- 1) ***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.***
- 2) ***Ephesians 2:8-9:***
 - ⁸ ***For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:***
 - ⁹ ***Not of works, lest any man should boast.***

Question: When does God give this divine faith?

Answer: When we truly repent of our sins.

Matthew 21:32: For John came unto you in the way of righteousness, and ye believed him not: but the publicans and the harlots believed him: and ye, when ye had seen it, repented not afterward, that ye might believe him.

Mark 1:15: And saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the Gospel."

Acts 20:21: Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

(So you can see that Repentance has to precede Faith.)

B. The LORD JESUS CHRIST is the SECOND giver of DIVINE FAITH.

- 1) Acts 3:16: And His Name through faith in His Name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by Him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.**
- 2) Romans 3:22: 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) Galatians 2:16: Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the Law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ [in what He did at the Cross], 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.**
- 4) 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.**
- 5) Galatians 3:22: But the Scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.**

- 6) ***Ephesians 3:12: In Whom [Jesus] we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of Him.***
- 7) ***Philippians 3:9: And be found in Him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the Law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:***
- 8) ***James 2:1: My brethren, have not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of Glory, with respect of persons.***
- 9) ***Revelation 14:12: Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the Commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.***

C. The HOLY SPIRIT is the THIRD source of DIVINE FAITH.

- 1) ***1 Corinthians 12:9: To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit;***
- 2) ***2 Corinthians 4:13: We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak;***
- 3) ***Galatians 5:22-23:***
²² ***But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,***
²³ ***Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.***

D. The WORD OF GOD is the FOURTH source of DIVINE FAITH.

- 1) ***Romans 10:17: So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.***
- 2) ***Romans 10:14-15:***
¹⁴ ***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?

¹⁵ 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!



- 3) *Luke 8:12: Those by the way side are they that hear; then cometh the devil, and taketh away the Word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved.***

The DEFINITION OF FAITH:

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

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

2. Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.
3. Faith is believing what God said, AND that He will certainly do it.
4. Faith is expecting God to do what He has promised to do.
5. Faith is composed of two essentials: Belief and Trust. If either one is missing then it is not genuine faith.

Trust is acting out our faith in God in what God says. For, faith without works or corresponding action is dead.

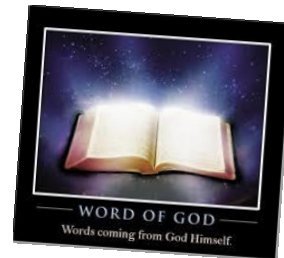
James 2:17: Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.

James 2:20: But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?

James 2:26: For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

6. Faith is relying on AND depending upon God's Word as being absolutely true and trustworthy.
7. Faith is not a state of mind, but an inward conviction that is tangible. That is why the Holy Spirit defines it as **The Substance of Things Hoped For, The Evidence of Things Not Seen. – Hebrews 11:1**
8. Strong faith, genuine faith has to be anchored to facts.

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GOD'S WORD is a FACT.

Even though some may not believe God's Word to be FACT, their belief does NOT change the fact into a FABLE.

Let me share with you the prayer of a precious black lady which beautifully describes what we are trying to convey to you.

She said: "Lookey here Lord!!! I want to show you something, It's right here. You said that, didn't you? That sho' am Yo' word, ain't it? Now then, ah believes exactly what you said. Now, there ain't no sense to my worrying about nothing. Ya'll said you'd supply all my needs according to your riches in Glory, by Christ Jesus, so I claim it right now."

1. **Mark 11:24:** *Therefore I say unto you, What things so ever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.*
2. **Matthew 21:22:** *And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.*
3. **Matthew 21:21:** *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.”*
4. **Matthew 18:19:**



*Again I say unto you,
That if two of you shall
agree on earth as touching
any thing that they shall ask,
it shall be done for them
of My Father which is in Heaven.*

5. **Mark 9:23:** *Jesus said unto him, “If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.”*
6. **John 14: 13-14:**
 - ¹³ *And whatsoever ye shall ask in My Name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.*
 - ¹⁴ *If ye shall ask any thing in My Name, I will do it.*
7. **John 15:7:** *If ye abide in Me, and My Words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.*

8. Matthew 9:29: Then touched He their eyes, saying, "According to your faith be it unto you."

9. Matthew 8:13: And Jesus said unto the centurion, "Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee." And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour.



10. Romans 4:20-22:

²⁰ He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God;

²¹ And being fully persuaded that, what He had promised, He was able also to perform.

²² And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness.

DEPENDENCE UPON GOD

Here we see Dependence upon God is the very essence of The Gift of Faith. Faith must be anchored to the Word of God to keep it stable and strong.

Examples of those people who anchored their faith to "Thus saith the Lord":

- 1. Genesis 32:9: And Jacob said, O God of my father Abraham, and God of my father Isaac, the LORD which saidst unto me, Return unto thy country, and to thy kindred, and I will deal well with thee:**
- 2. Genesis 32:12: And Thou [Lord God] saidst, I will surely do thee good, and make thy [Jacob's] seed as the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude.**

3. **Exodus 32:13:** Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, Thy servants, to whom You swarest by Thine Own Self, and saidst unto them, "I will multiply your seed as the stars of Heaven, and all this land that I have spoken of will I give unto your seed, and they shall inherit it for ever."



4. **1 Kings 8:26:** And now, O God of Israel, let Thy Word, I pray Thee, be verified, which Thou spakest unto Thy servant David my father.
5. **Nehemiah 1:8:** Remember, I beseech Thee, the Word that Thou commandest Thy servant Moses, saying, if ye transgress, I will scatter you abroad among the nations:
6. **Psalms 105:42:** For He remembered His Holy Promise, and Abraham His servant.
7. **Psalms 119:41:** Let Thy mercies come also unto me, O Lord, even Thy salvation, according to Thy Word.
8. **Psalms 119:49:** Remember the Word unto Thy servant, upon which Thou hast caused me to hope.
9. **Jeremiah 14:21:** Do not abhor us, for Thy Name's sake, do not disgrace the throne of Thy glory: remember, break not Thy covenant with us.
10. **Luke 2:29:** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy Word:

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11. **Mark 16:20:** *And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the Word with signs following. Amen.*
12. **Luke 24:49:** *And, behold, I send the promise of My Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.*
13. **1 Kings 18:36:** *And it came to pass at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near, and said, Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that Thou art God in Israel, and that I am Thy servant, and that I have done all these things at Thy Word.*

God's Word is reliable, therefore OBEY IT.

This Gift of Faith gives us, as believers, an absolute assurance that God's Word is reliable, and that causes us to rely on its integrity, and thereby obey it entirely.

Question: Why is this Gift of Faith so very important?



Answer: Because mankind's worst enemy and adversary and foe is the devil. He hates the Word of God. He attacks it relentlessly. He and his demon spirits inject doubts and unbelief into the minds and hearts of mankind, in an attempt to discredit the Word of God.

Most unbelievers and atheists or infidels or agnostics are victims of these infiltrating devices of the devil. He even steals God's Word out of the hearts of sinners to prevent them from getting saved from their sins.

Luke 18:12: I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess.

The Lord Jesus exposes the devil's devices. Christians are not free from these device deeds of the prince of darkness. The devil and his demons know how very important faith really is and they attack it relentlessly [intensely].

THE GREAT IMPORTANCE OF FAITH

Text:

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.



INTRODUCTION:

Do you fully realize the emphasis which the Word of God places on the importance of Faith? It does not say that without faith we will not likely please God, or it will be difficult to please God. It says that it is impossible to please God without genuine faith. The Bible goes on to say:

Romans 14:23: And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because he eateth not of faith: for whatsoever is not of faith is sin.

Faith can be neutralized or diluted or eclipsed by fear or doubt or unbelief. Therefore, we need to combat these devices of the evil one with "Thus saith the Lord". That is what Jesus did when the adversary confronted Him in the wilderness temptations.

Listen now, to these eleven ways in which faith is important.

1. We can ONLY BE SAVED by FAITH.

- a. ***John 3:16: For God so loved the world, that He gave His Only Begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have Everlasting Life.***
- b. ***John 3:18: He that believeth on Him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the Name of the Only Begotten Son of God.***
- c. ***John 20:31: But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is THE Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through His Name.***
- d. ***Acts 15:9: And put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith.***
- e. ***Acts 16:31: And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.***
- f. ***Romans 3:25: 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;***
- g. ***Ephesians 2:8-9:***
 - ⁸ ***For by Grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:***
 - ⁹ ***Not of works, lest any man should boast.***



2. We are MADE RIGHTEOUS by FAITH.

- a. **Romans 4:3: For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness.**
- b. **Romans 4:5: But to him that worketh not, but believeth on Him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.**
- c. **Romans 10:9-10:**
 - ⁹ **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.**
 - ¹⁰ **For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.**
- d. **2 Corinthians 5:21: For He [God the Father] hath made Him [Jesus] to be sin for us, Who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him.**
- e. **Philippians 1:11: Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.**
- f. **Philippians 3:9: And be found in Him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the Law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:**

3. We are JUSTIFIED by FAITH.

- a. **Romans 5:1:**
Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:



- b. **Romans 1:17: For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, the just shall live by faith.**
- c. **Galatians 3:11: But that no man is justified by the Law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, the just shall live by faith.**
- d. **Galatians 3:24: Wherefore the Law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.**
- e. **Galatians 2:16: 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.**

- f. **Acts 13:39: And by Him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the Law of Moses.**



4. We are SANCTIFIED by FAITH.

- a. **Acts 26:18: To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in Me.**
- b. **John 17:17: Sanctify them through Thy Truth: Thy Word is Truth.**

c. 1 Thessalonians 4:3-7:

³ For this is the Will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:

⁴ That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour;

⁵ Not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God:

⁶ That no man go beyond and defraud his brother in any matter: because that the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified.

⁷ For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto Holiness.

d. 1 Thessalonians 5:23: *And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

e. Hebrews 10:10: *By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the Body of Jesus Christ once for all.*



f. Hebrews 13:12: *Wherefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His Own Blood, suffered without the gate.*

5. We are FILLED with the HOLY SPIRIT by FAITH.

a. Galatians 3:14: *That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.*

b. Ephesians 5:18-19:

18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;

19 Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;

c. Acts 1:5: For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days hence.

d. Acts 1:8:



But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

e. Acts 19:2: He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Spirit since ye believed? And they said unto Him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Spirit.

f. Acts 19:6: And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.

g. Acts 8:14-17:

14 Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the Word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John:

15 Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Spirit:

16 (For as yet He [the Holy Spirit] was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the Name of the Lord Jesus.)

17 Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

6. We are HEALED by FAITH.

a. *Matthew 8:13: And Jesus said unto the centurion, “Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee.” And his servant was healed in the same hour.*

b. *Matthew 9:22: But Jesus turned Him [Himself] 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.*

c. *Mark 2:5-12:*

5 When Jesus saw their faith, He said unto the sick of the palsy, “Son, thy sins be forgiven thee.”



6 But there was certain of the scribes sitting there, and reasoning in their hearts,

7 Why doth this Man thus speak blasphemies? who can forgive sins but God only?

8 And immediately when Jesus perceived in His Spirit that they so reasoned within themselves, He said unto them, “Why reason ye these things in your hearts?

9 Whether is it easier to say to the sick of the palsy, ‘Thy sins be forgiven thee’; or to say, ‘Arise, and take up thy bed, and walk?’

10 But that ye may know that the Son of Man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (He saith to the sick of the palsy,)

11 I say unto thee, ‘Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house.’”

¹² *And immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went forth before them all; insomuch that they were all amazed, and glorified God, saying, "We never saw it on this fashion."*

7. We are KEPT by the POWER OF GOD through FAITH.

- a. *1 Peter 1:5: Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.*
- b. *1 Thessalonians 3:5: For this cause, when I could no longer forbear, I sent to know your faith, lest by some means the tempter have tempted you, and our labour be in vain.*
- c. *Jude 24: Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His Glory with exceeding joy,*

8. We are ENABLED to OVERCOME the WORLD by FAITH.

- a. *1 John 5:4: For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.*

- b. *1 John 5:5: Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?*



- c. *Galatians 1:4: Who gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the Will of God and our Father:*

9. We STAND (are steadfast, established) by FAITH.

- a. *Romans 14:4: Who art thou that judgest another man's servant? to his own master he standeth or falleth. Yea, he*

shall be holden up: for God is able to make him stand.

- b. Romans 11:20:** *Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not highminded, but fear:*
- c. 2 Corinthians 1:24:** *Not for that we have dominion over your faith, but are helpers of your joy: for by faith ye stand.*
- d. Isaiah 7:9:** *And the head of Ephraim is Samaria, and the head of Samaria is Remaliah's son. If ye will not believe, surely ye shall not be established.*
- e. 1 Corinthians 7:37:** *Nevertheless he that standeth stedfast in his heart, having no necessity, but hath power over his own will, and hath so decreed in his heart that he will keep his virgin, doeth well.*

10. We will INHERIT precious PROMISES of ALMIGHTY GOD by FAITH.

- a. Hebrews 6:12:** *That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.*

- b. 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.*



- c. Hebrews 12:3:** *For consider Him that endured such contradiction of sinners against Himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.*

These verses reveal Biblical heroes of faith, who we are to follow after.

11. We become most PROFITABLE when we FEAST on the WORD of GOD by FAITH.

- a. *Hebrews 4:2: For unto us was the Gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the Word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.*
- b. *1 Thessalonians 2:13: For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the Word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in Truth, the Word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.*
- c. *2 Thessalonians 2:13: But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:*

**DIFFERING QUANTITIES OF FAITH or
AMOUNTS of FAITH or
DEGREES OF FAITH**

INTRODUCTION:

Matthew 9:27-31: Jesus healing the blind men

²⁷ And when Jesus departed thence, two blind men followed Him, crying, and saying, "Thou son of David, have mercy on us."

²⁸ And when He was come into the house, the blind men came to Him: and Jesus saith unto them, "Believe ye that I am able to do this?" They said unto Him, "Yea, Lord."

²⁹ Then touched He their eyes, saying, "According to your faith be it unto you."

30 And their eyes were opened; and Jesus straitly charged them, saying, "See that no man know it."



31 But they, when they were departed, spread abroad His fame in all that country.

This question coming from the lips of the Lord Jesus reveals to us that there are differing *quantities* of faith. Or, shall we say: different *amounts* of faith which we can possess, or differing *degrees* of faith.

This will be readily made clear from the following references:

- ***Romans 1:17: For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.***
- ***Romans 12:3b: . . . God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.***
- ***Romans 12:6: Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith;***
- ***1 Corinthians 13:2: And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.***
- ***Galatians 5:6: For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love.***
- ***Ephesians 3:20: Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,***

1. GREAT FAITH

Matthew 8:8-9: Healing of the Centurion's servant

⁸ The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that Thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed.



⁹ For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it.

Healing of the Daughter of the Canaanite

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.

Question: What made faith of both these parties so great?

Answer: Their faith was great, not only in what they said, but in the fact that in both instances they exercised their faith for another person.

This is **UNSELFISH FAITH**, because it is **motivated by unselfish love**.

Galatians 5:6: For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love.

Intrinsically (inherently, or belonging to the real nature of or independent of external circumstances) **a God Given Pure Faith cannot doubt, and will not waver.**

Great Faith is activated and put into motion by divine love as seen in:

1 Corinthians 13:2: And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.

2. FULL OF FAITH

- a. Acts 6:8: And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people.**
- b. Acts 11:24: For he was a good man, and full of the Holy Spirit and of faith: and much people was added unto the Lord.**

3. LITTLE FAITH

- a. Matthew 6:30: Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, shall He not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?**
- b. Matthew 8:26-27: Jesus stills the storm**
 - ²⁶ 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.**
 - ²⁷ But the men marvelled, saying, “What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey Him!”**

c. Matthew 14:30-31: Jesus and Peter on the water

³⁰ But when he [Peter] saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, "Lord, save me."



³¹ And immediately Jesus stretched forth His hand, and caught him, and said unto him, "O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?"

d. Matthew 16:6-12:

⁶ Then Jesus said unto them, "Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees."

⁷ And they reasoned among themselves, saying, "It is because we have taken no bread."

⁸ Which when Jesus perceived, He said unto them, "O ye of little faith, why reason ye among yourselves, because ye have brought no bread?"

⁹ Do ye not yet understand, neither remember the five loaves of the five thousand, and how many baskets ye took up?

¹⁰ Neither the seven loaves of the four thousand, and how many baskets ye took up?

¹¹ How is it that ye do not understand that I spake it not to you concerning bread, that ye should beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees?"

¹² Then understood they how that He bade them not beware of the leaven of bread, but of the doctrine of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.

4. WEAK IN FAITH

a. Romans 4:19-21:

¹⁹ And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah's womb:

²⁰ He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God;

²¹ And being fully persuaded that, what He had promised, He was able also to perform.

b. Romans 14:1: Him that is weak in the faith receive ye, but not to doubtful disputations.

5. NO FAITH

a. Deuteronomy 32:20: And He said, "I will hide My Face from them, I will see what their end shall be: for they are a very froward generation, children in whom is **no faith."**

b. Mark 4:39-40:

³⁹ And He arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, "Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm."

⁴⁰ And He said unto them, "Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith?"



c. 2 Thessalonians 3:2: And that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men: for all men have not faith.

6. DEAD FAITH

Question: What is Dead Faith??? You say, “I have never heard of such a thing.”

Answer: Yes, this is recorded in your Bible and mine. It means a **FAITH** which is **NOT FUNCTIONING**, faith that is *inactive*.

- a. **James 2:17:** *Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.*
- b. **James 2:20:** *But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?*
- c. **James 2:26:** *For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.*

The unique language of GREAT FAITH or DIVINE FAITH

For further explanation on **Dead Faith versus ACTIVE, ALIVE, LIVING GREAT FAITH**, we now come to the next phase of this “**SPIRITUAL GIFT OF FAITH**”. We need to give it a distinguishing title, so that you can more readily identify it.

THE LANGUAGE OF GREAT FAITH OR DIVINE FAITH IS A GOD GIVEN LANGUAGE.

It has a very unique characteristic about it. The following text will help us to understand the nature of it. Then, we will proceed to pinpoint many scriptures



in which this unique language is clearly set forth.

However, **Divine Faith** is hidden from the sight of those whose spiritual insight is still dim.

Secondly, in this exposition, we will discover why Almighty God directed His prophets and apostles and various spiritual leaders to give certain instructions or even commands to people to do certain things in order to get their miracle and supernatural answer to prayer.

In other words, God started this principle out by helping His ministers to **activate their faith**. He did this by telling them to do certain things before they experienced their supernatural victory or deliverance or miracle.

Faith isn't exclusively a matter of believing only, or the lack of believing. It does involve the degree or degrees of believing. For there are levels of faith as we just discussed with you. We will be pointing out to you the unique language of Faith by capitalizing certain key words which will help you to easily identify this unique language of faith.

Remember also, that LITTLE FAITH gets LITTLE . . . MORE FAITH gets MORE and . . . MUCH FAITH gets MUCH.

Also, NO FAITH gets NOTHING.

James 1:7: For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.

Text:

Romans 4:17: (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations), before Him Whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth [bring alive] the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.

Question:

Did you observe the key word **HAVE**?

Then **HAST**,

Then **HATH** . . . past tense.

God said to Moses: *When you bring your people out of Egypt, you will serve God on this Mountain:*

Deuteronomy 7:6-9: Out of Egypt

6 For thou art an holy people unto the Lord thy God: the Lord thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto Himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth.

7 The Lord did not set His love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye were the fewest of all people:



8 But because the Lord loved you, and because He would keep the oath which He had sworn unto your fathers, hath the Lord brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of bondmen, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

9 Know therefore that the Lord thy God, He is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love Him and keep His Commandments to a thousand generations;

Exodus 3:12: And he said, “Certainly I will be with thee; and this shall be a token unto thee, that I have sent thee: When thou hast brought forth the people out of Egypt, ye shall serve God upon this mountain.”

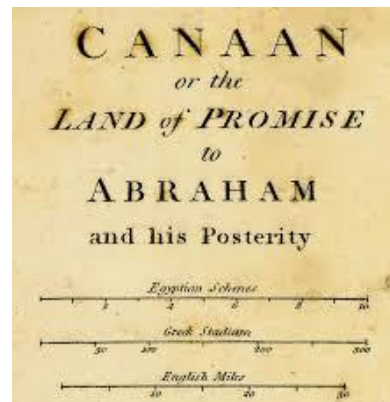


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Joshua 6:2: And the Lord said unto Joshua, “See, I have given into thine hand Jericho, and the king thereof, and the mighty men of valour.”

Deuteronomy 3:18: And I commanded you at that time, saying, “The Lord your God hath given you this land to possess it: ye shall pass over armed before your brethren the children of Israel, all that are meet for the war.”

Deuteronomy 3:20: “Until the Lord have given rest unto your brethren, as well as unto you, and until they also possess the land which the Lord your God hath given them beyond Jordan: and then shall ye return every man unto his possession, which I have given you.”



To most intellectuals, these past tense words do not make any sense. That would be like counting your chickens before they hatch, as many southern people would say. In the language of Faith, God Almighty does *count the thing already done before it comes to pass*; because He knows that in what He decreed there is nothing that can stop it from taking place.

Now, let us pay real close attention to what Joshua said in verse 16, after God had said what He said in verse 2: **“Shout for the Lord hath given you the city.”**



Joshua 6:16: And it came to pass at the seventh time, when the priests blew with the trumpets, Joshua said unto the people, “Shout; for the Lord hath given you the city.”

When we say what God said, then, our faith is up to the level of Great Faith. Even though we have not seen the victory won as yet, before the battle even gets started Joshua, with God, counts the battle already won.

Now, let us see what happened.

Joshua 6:20: So the people shouted when the priests blew with the trumpets: and it came to pass, when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, and the people shouted with a great shout, that the wall fell down flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city.



This shouting, before the victory is won, is a genuinely Unique Faith.

The Lord said unto Joshua: ***“Fear not!”***

Joshua 8:1: And the Lord said unto Joshua, “Fear not, neither be thou dismayed: take all the people of war with thee, and arise, go up to Ai: see, I have given into thy hand the king of Ai, and his people, and his city, and his land:”

Joshua 8:7-8:

⁷ “Then ye shall rise up from the ambush, and seize upon the city: for the Lord your God will deliver it into your hand.

⁸ And it shall be, when ye have taken the city, that ye shall set the city on fire: according to the commandment of the Lord shall ye do. See, I have commanded you.”

Now, for the application of this lesson: When we can say what God said - Who counts it done before it is done - then we have risen to the highest level God-Given-Faith there is.

ILLUSTRATION: Sister Jessie

While we were pastoring a church in Hot Springs Arkansas, one of the ladies of our congregation came from her job to my study, requesting prayer. She was in house shoes, for her feet were so swollen that she could not wear street shoes, as she called them. Sister Jessie said: "Preacher, please pray for my feet, that God will take the swelling down."

We prayed and thanked the Lord for healing her.

She looked at me like I was goofy in the head, and didn't have all my marbles straight. She shocked me with this remark: "Are you trying to make a fool out of me? How can I praise God for something I don't have, I don't want to be a hypocrite, claiming something I don't have! What's the matter with you?"

My answer was: "No, sister, we're not trying to make a fool out of you. We are only seeking to fulfill scripture."

She wanted to know what scripture, so we proceeded to read to her:

Romans 4:17-22:

17 (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before Him Whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth [bring alive] the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.

18 Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be.

Abraham – Father of Many Nations From Thy Seed



19 And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah's womb:

20 He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God;

21 And being fully persuaded that, what He had promised, He was able also to perform.

22 And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness.

After reading of the promise to Abraham, sister Jessie said: "Well, that doesn't make a bit of sense to me, but I'll go on home and study that over, and see what happens." She did go home and did what she promised. Then, she came back to my study in about two hours with her street shoes on, rejoicing. We had a great time celebrating together, and then she told me what she had done.

She said to the Lord, "What that preacher said didn't make sense to me and that Scripture put me to shame, for it told me I was weak in faith, so I repented, and asked God to dump a barrel of His faith into my heart, and He did. Then I started to praise the Lord and the power of God hit me and flowed all the way down to my feet, and they felt real good, and quit hurting. So it works!"

Joshua 10:8: And the Lord said unto Joshua, "Fear them not: for I have delivered them into thine hand; there shall not a man of them stand before thee."

Joshua is now instructing his soldiers, saying:

Joshua 10:19: "And stay ye not, but pursue after your enemies, and smite the hindmost of them; suffer them not to enter into their cities: for the Lord your God hath delivered them into your hand."

The battle for Jericho was triumphantly won and now we should listen to what Joshua is saying.

Joshua 10:25: And Joshua said unto them, "Fear not, nor be dismayed, be strong and of good courage: for thus shall the Lord do to all your enemies against whom ye fight."

This is but a sample of the complete message on: "The Unique Language of Divine Faith". It will be dealing with God trying our faith.

God Tries the Faith of His People

TEXT:

a. **1 Peter 1:7:** *That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:*

b. **1 Peter 4:12-13:** *Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you:*

¹³ *But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when His Glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.*

c. **Hebrews 11:17-19:** *By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son,*



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

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

d. **1 Thessalonians 2:4:** *But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the Gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts.*

- e. **2 Chronicles 32:31b:** . . . *God left him, to try him, that he [Hezekiah] might know all that was in his heart.*
- f. **Job 23:10:** *But he knoweth the way that I take: when He hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold.*
- g. **Jeremiah 12:3:** *But Thou, O Lord, knowest me: Thou hast seen me, and tried mine heart toward Thee: pull them out like sheep for the slaughter, and prepare them for the day of slaughter.*
- h. **Jeremiah 20:12:** *But, O Lord of Hosts, that triest the righteous, and seest the reins and the heart, let me see Thy vengeance on them: for unto thee have I opened my cause.*
- i. **Zechariah 13:9:** *And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on My Name, and I will hear them: I will say, "It is my people": and they shall say, "The LORD is my God."*
- j. **Malachi 3:3:** *And He shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and He shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness.*

QUESTION: Why does God do this - **TRYING OF HIS PEOPLE?**

ANSWER:

1. Faith must be put to the test, to check on it as to whether it is weak or strong; whether it is real or theoretical.
2. Faith must be put to the test to refine it and purge out all the doubts and fears and any unbelief.

3. James 1:2-4:

² My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;

³ Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.

⁴ But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

4. Head faith only believes God is able and willing.

Heart faith believes and is persuaded fully that what God has promised, He is able to perform it.

Romans 4: 17-21:

(As it is written, I [Father God] have made thee [Abraham] a father of many nations,) before Him Whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.

¹⁸ Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, "So shall thy seed be."

¹⁹ And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah's womb:

²⁰ He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God;

²¹ And being fully persuaded that, what He had promised, He was able also to perform.

ILLUSTRATION:

DOUBTING THOMAS

This Apostle was relying more on his five physical senses than he was on the prophetic Word of God - concerning Christ's resurrection from the dead, even though Thomas had heard repeatedly from the lips of Jesus that He would rise again from the dead.

Listen to Thomas saying:

John 20:25: The other disciples therefore said unto him [Thomas], “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.”

Then:

John 20:26-27:

26 And after eight days again His disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, “Peace be unto you.”



27 Then saith He to Thomas, “Reach hither thy finger, and behold My Hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into My Side: and be not faithless, but believing.”

Mark 16:14: Afterward He appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen Him after He was risen.

Matthew 28:17: And when they saw Him, they worshipped Him: but some doubted.

HINDRANCES AND OBSTACLES TO FAITH

THEME: Faith is a precious and priceless possession.

We have been studying the importance and the necessity of having faith. No one knows more concerning the value of FAITH like the devil – who is the enemy of our souls. He will use every kind of device and obstruction that he

well knows. He can hinder and place a road block in the way of God's children from exercising their faith.

We are concluding this limited study in faith by calling to your attention these SEVEN ways our faith can be hindered.

SEVEN OBSTACLES & HINDRANCES TO FAITH

1. DOUBT

Doubts come from the devil. Doubts can be dangerous if we entertain them.

The **Lord Jesus cautions us against doubting.** Let us consider several references.

a. **Matthew 21:21:** *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.”*

b. **Matthew 14:31:**



And immediately Jesus stretched forth His hand, and caught him [Peter], and said unto him, “O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt.”

c. **Luke 12:29:** *“And seek not ye what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind.”*

d. **1 Timothy 2:8:** *I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.*

- e. **Romans 14:22: Hast thou faith? have it to thyself before God. Happy is he that condemneth not himself in that thing which he alloweth.**

2. FEAR

Fear comes from the devil.

QUESTION: Did you know that fear will paralyze faith?

Here are some scriptures concerning fear.

- a. **2 Timothy 1:7: For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.**

- b. **Matthew 8:26: 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.”**



- c. **Mark 4:40: And He said unto them, “Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith?”**

- d. **Luke 8:50: But when Jesus heard it, He answered him, saying, “Fear not: believe only, and she shall be made whole.”**

- e. **Job 3:26: I was not in safety, neither had I rest, neither was I quiet; yet trouble came.**

Why did trouble come? Because fear is believing in reverse.

Job believed that bad things would come upon him, and that caused him to fear. Fear put Job in the torture chamber, for fear hath torment.

1 John 4:18: There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

Satan wants to make Christians miserable and also to paralyze their faith from functioning.

3. PRIDE

Question: What!! Do you mean to say that pride can mess up our faith?

Answer: Listen to what the Lord Jesus said in:

John 5:4: “How can ye believe, which receive honour one of another, and seek not the honour that cometh from God only?”

Question: Why did the Holy Spirit say:

Romans 14:22: “Hast thou faith? have it to thyself before God. Happy is he that condemneth not himself in that thing which he alloweth.”

Answer: Because He knows that when we have seen Faith in Action and wonderful results are forthcoming, the dangerous tendency is – to brag and to boast, as to what our faith is accomplishing.

Listen to what Jesus said in:

Luke 10:20: “Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in Heaven.”

4. RESPECT OF PERSONS

a. James 2:1-4: Brotherly Love

¹ My brethren, have not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of Glory, with respect of persons.

² *For if there come unto your assembly a man with a gold ring, in goodly apparel, and there come in also a poor man in vile raiment;*

³ *And ye have respect to him that weareth the gay clothing, and say unto him, "Sit thou here in a good place;" and say to the poor, "Stand thou there, or sit here under my footstool:"*

⁴ *Are ye not then partial in yourselves, and are become judges of evil thoughts?*

- b. James 2:9:** *But if ye have respect to persons, ye commit sin, and are convinced of the Law as transgressors.*

5. FAITH can be HINDERED by NOT ACTIVATING IT.

- a. James 2:17:** *Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.*
- b. James 2:20:** *But wilt thou know, O, vain man, that faith without works is dead?*
- c. James 2:26:** *For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.*

6. FAITH can be NEUTRALIZED by UNBELIEF.

- a. Matthew 13:58:** *And He did not many mighty works there [Nazareth] because of their unbelief.*

- b. Matthew 17:19-20:**



¹⁹ *Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, "Why could not we cast him out?"*

²⁰ *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."

- c. **Mark 16:14:** *Afterward He appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen Him after He was risen.*

This reproof by our Master reveals our responsibility in allowing the devil to TINKER with our THINKER, and feed unbelief into us.

The devil can cause people to lie to the Holy Spirit, as in the case of Ananias and Sapphira in:



- d. **Acts 5:3:** *But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Spirit, and to keep back part of the price of the land?*

- e. **Hebrews 3:12-13:**

¹² *Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the Living God.*

¹³ *But exhort one another daily, while it is called 'Today;' lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.*

- f. **Hebrews 4:11:** *Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.*

7. FAITH can be HINDERED by HUMAN REASON.

- a. **Matthew 16:7-8:**

⁷ *And they reasoned among themselves, saying, "It is because we have taken no bread."*

⁸ Which when Jesus perceived, He said unto them, “O ye of little faith, why reason ye among yourselves, because ye have brought no bread?”

b. Mark 2:8-9:

⁸ And immediately when Jesus perceived in His Spirit that they so reasoned within themselves, He said unto them, “Why reason ye these things in your hearts?

⁹ Whether is it easier to say to the sick of the palsy, ‘Thy sins be forgiven thee;’ or to say, ‘Arise, and take up thy bed, and walk?’”

c. Luke 24:13-27: Cleopas, the other disciple and Jesus

¹³ And, behold, two of them went that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was from Jerusalem about threescore furlongs.

¹⁴ And they talked together of all these things which had happened.

¹⁵ And it came to pass, that, while they communed together and reasoned, Jesus Himself drew near, and went with them. ¹⁶ But their eyes were holden that they should not know Him. ¹⁷ And He [Jesus] said unto them, “What manner of communications are these that ye have one to another, as ye walk, and are sad?”

¹⁸ And the one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answering said unto him, “Art thou only a stranger in Jerusalem, and hast not known the things which are come to pass there in these days?”

¹⁹ And He said unto them, “What things”? And they said unto Him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, which was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people:



20 And how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to be condemned to death, and have crucified Him.

21 But we trusted that it had been He which should have redeemed Israel: and beside all this, today is the third day since these things were done.

22 Yea, and certain women also of our company made us astonished, which were early at the sepulchre;

23 And when they found not His body, they came, saying, that they had also seen a vision of angels, which said that He was alive.

24 And certain of them which were with us went to the sepulchre, and found it even so as the women had said: but Him they saw not.”

25 Then He said unto them, “O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken:

26 Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into His Glory”

27 And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, He expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning Himself.

Isaiah 53:1	Matthew 21
Isaiah 53:6	Mark 11:7-9
Zachariah 9:9	Matthew 26:35
Psalms 41:9	1 Peter 2:22
Zachariah 11:12	Mark 14:65
Isaiah 53:7	John 19:34
Isaiah 50:6	Mark 10:6
Zachariah 12:10	Mark 15:4-5
Psalms 16:10	1 Peter 3:22
Psalms 108:1	Mark 14:10

ADMONITION!!!

The apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ made a special request of Him.

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

It will be in the wisdom for each of us to make the same request.

“LORD, INCREASE OUR FAITH:”

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