

Fundamentals of Faith

(Faith Towards God)

Hebrews 6:1 – “Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God.”

When you look at faith in the New Testament, you will notice it is in connection to the Lord, and not in things. Faith in the Person of Jesus produces things.

Hebrews 12:2 (KJV) – “Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.” **Jesus is the source and object of biblical faith.**

Romans 8:32 – “He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?”

Many are trying to believe for things, but their faith is not in Jesus in whom those things find their source.

Luke 6:17 – “And He came down with them and stood on a level place with a crowd of His disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem, and from the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to hear Him and be healed of their diseases,”

The people came to Jesus because they had faith in Him as the Healer. They were not exercising their faith in healing so much as exercising their faith in Jesus as the Healer.

People struggle receiving healing because they are trying to believe for healing but not exercising their faith in Jesus as their Healer.

A faith problem is always a relationship problem. There is a lack of knowing and trusting in the Person of Jesus.

Galatians 5:6 – “For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but faith working through love.”

You will always struggle in faith if you don't know or doubt the love of God towards you. Faith finds its strength in knowing the love of Jesus towards you and knowing His true nature.

The Law is NOT based on a relationship with the Lord. It was based upon rules and codes.

Exodus 20:18-19 – “Now all the people witnessed the thunderings, the lightning flashes, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking; and when the people saw it, they trembled and stood afar off. Then they said to Moses, ‘You speak with us, and we will hear; but let not God speak with us, lest we die.’”

The Law taught things about God, but it did not lead to a personal relationship with Him.

The New Covenant is based upon a trusting relationship with God the Father and Jesus Christ, His Son, based upon knowing Them.

John 17:3 – “And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.”

II Timothy 1:12 – “For this reason I also suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day.”

Hebrews 11:11 – “By faith Sarah herself also received strength to conceive seed, and she bore a child when she was past the age, because she judged Him faithful who had promised.”

Acts 27:25 – “Therefore take heart, men, for I believe God that it will be just as it was told me.”
Having Faith in God Makes Receiving Things Easy.

Mark 11:22-24 – “So Jesus answered and said to them, ‘Have faith in God. For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be removed and be cast into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.’”

Here, we see our faith in relation to moving mountains and receiving things. Most of the time, **Mark 11:23-24** are brought out when talking about having faith, but they are predicated by **Mark 11:22** which says, “**HAVE FAITH IN GOD.**”

We are not so much to have faith for things as we are to have faith in God. Knowing and trusting in the character and nature of God makes moving mountains and receiving things easy.

Example – It is easy for children to receive things from their parents when they know and trust the love they have for them.

Luke 11:11-13 – “If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!”

Jesus relates believing and receiving from God based upon a trusting and loving relationship. Our confidence to receive is based upon knowing and trusting in our loving heavenly Father.

Bible Faith Is Based Upon the Person and Work of Jesus

Lame man at the gate beautiful

Acts 3:11-12, 16 – “Now as the lame man who was healed held on to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the porch which is called Solomon’s, greatly amazed. So when Peter saw it, he responded to the people: ‘Men of Israel, why do you marvel at this? Or why look so intently at us, as though by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? ...And His name, through faith in His name, has made this man strong, whom you see and know. Yes, the faith which comes through Him has given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.’”

In the Bible, a person’s name spoke of their standing, merits, character, and of the person themselves.

Two blind men

Matthew 9:27-29 – “When Jesus departed from there, two blind men followed Him, crying out and saying, ‘Son of David, have mercy on us!’ And when He had come into the house, the blind men came to Him. And Jesus said to them, ‘Do you believe that I am able to do this?’ They said to Him, ‘Yes, Lord.’ Then He touched their eyes, saying, ‘According to your faith let it be to you.’”

Jesus told these men, “According to your faith let it be [done] to you.” But what was their faith in? Notice it was not faith for healing, but faith in Jesus’ ability to heal.

Woman with the issue of blood

Matthew 9:20-22 – “And suddenly, a woman who had a flow of blood for twelve years came from behind and touched the hem of His garment. For she said to herself, ‘If only I may touch His garment, I shall be made well.’ But Jesus turned around, and when He saw her He said, ‘Be of good cheer, daughter; your faith has made you well.’ And the woman was made well from that hour.”

This woman’s faith was in the power that flowed from Jesus. She was believing in Jesus, not just healing. She did not have faith in her faith to be healed. Her faith was in the power that flowed from Jesus.

Should you have Faith in Faith?

God has not called us to have faith in faith, but to have faith in Him.

Many are trying to have confidence that they have enough faith to receive from God. They are focused on their faith and trying to measure its strength and effectiveness. This is what is called having faith in your faith.

When you hear about Jesus, faith is a natural by-product. You don’t need to focus on your faith. Focus on Jesus and His grace, and your faith will become robust and effective. If you focus on your faith, you will find it shriveling under your inspection.

Philemon 1:6 (KJV) – “That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus.”

These scriptures have shown us that Bible faith is directly tied to the Person of Jesus and that any trouble with faith is a relationship issue. If you are having trouble receiving something you are believing for, go back and spend time with Jesus and refresh your mind on His character, nature, and love for you.

Below are some scriptures that reflect God's love to you.

John 3:16, 1 John 4:9-10, Romans 8:37-39, Isaiah 54:10, Romans 5:8, Galatians 2:20, Ephesians 2:4-5, Psalm 86:15, Zephaniah 3:17, 1 John 3:1, Deuteronomy 7:9, Jeremiah 29:11

Developing a Relationship with God – God Does Not Have Any Grandchildren!

You get to know God by His Word. You get to know God by prayer.

I Corinthians 14:2 – “For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God, for no one understands him; however, in the spirit he speaks mysteries.”

I Corinthians 14:15 – “What is the conclusion then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the understanding. I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the understanding.”

Key Thoughts - Keep faith towards God and not things.

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