

Words! **Part 9: "Dynamic Faith!"**

A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver. Proverbs 25.11

"Without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he that comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him!" Hebrews 11.6

Faith is the way to please God... and we should deeply care about pleasing Him!

We come to Him with everything... We come to Him first and speedily... We stop with the knee jerk reactions... And coming to Him when our way fails! We come to Him because *He is...* We don't come to God "for..." Let's come to God and let Him decide how to *benevolently-reward* our belief in Him...

Faith is the way to overcome the world... and it tries it's best to challenge, stress and distract our faith!

"Whatsoever is born of God overcomes the world now (present tense): and this is the victory that already overcame (aorist tense) the world, even our faith. Who is he that overcomes the world now (present tense), but he that believes that Jesus is the Son of God." **1John 5.4,5** We obtain victory over the lusts of the flesh, lust of the eyes, pride of life, sickness, death, family and money problems, fear, boredom, whatever... By faith... "whatever it is...!"

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen!" Hebrews 11.1

Traditionally, we would talk about faith being the force that draws what is unseen into our world where it can be seen and received! Mark 11.22-24 "Have the faith of God. Truly I tell you that whosoever will say to this mountain, be removed, and will not doubt in his heart but will believe the things he says will come to pass he will have whatsoever he says. Therefore I say to you what things you desire when you pray, believe you receive them and you will have them." **1John 5.14** "And this is the confidence we have in Him, that, *if we ask anything according to His will*, He hears us and if we know He hears us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of Him." **Lk 12.32** "For it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom!" **2Th1.11** "That the name of Jesus may be glorified in you and you in Him!" **John 16.23** "Whatsoever you ask the Father in My name He will give it!"

But bringing stuff into our realm, equipping us for every good work, is what faith does...!

And "what faith *does*" has become a movement, with a following of people who want what *they want* and they want God to get it for them!

And while we want to understand and experience what faith does, we really need to understand and experience what faith is!

"Now faith is the substance; the ground, the confidence, of things hoped for, the evidence; conviction, proof of things not seen!" Hebrews 11.1

By "it" the elders "obtained a good report!" Abel offered an excellent sacrifice to God! Enoch was taken home to God's house... Noah prepared an ark w/o understanding the need, enduring the ridicule... Abraham, left it all behind... Sarah laid with Abraham to conceive... Abraham gave up Isaac... Isaac continued believing the prophecy... Jacob believed and worshipped... Joseph gave commandment for his bones... Moses mother hid her son, defied the king and trusted God... Moses walked away from the riches of Egypt – *as seeing God who is invisible!* He walked with Israel reminding them of God's plan and purposes... He led them and they followed... They walked around Jericho... Rahab turned around on her culture... Multitudes have overcome their world...

By definition, the elders obtained their "testimony by their faith..." The testimony is not, "by faith, the elders got what they were hoping for!"

The elders *believed GOD* and that *He was a rewarder of them* who believed what He said was true and it gave them *substance* in the face of what they felt, saw or heard!

W: "Noah, what are you doing?"

BF: "building an ark for the coming rain and flood."

W: "Dooms-dayer!"

BF: "No, I'm just obeying God!"

W: "God who? I can't see Him!"

BF: "you can't see Him, but He told me to build an ark, so I am!"

W: "You're stupid Noah! Life goes on! You should join us! C'mon Noah, nothing's going to happen!"

(Mt24.37ff)

W: "Moses, what are you thinking? Money, education, power, wine, song, chicks... where are you going?"

BF: "To stand with Israel, to deliver them, to serve them and God!"

W: "Pharaoh will hunt you down Moses! Your name will be laughingstock!"

BF: "I would rather suffer the reproach of men than of God!"

W: "You could have had it all but you're throwing it away! Loser!" **X33.11**

By faith, each one established who they were (*believers with substance*) and they gave *evidence* to prove that God is...!

The living dynamic of faith caused them to stand believing and to patiently wait for what they couldn't see... and it pleased God to give them the kingdom!

This is the faith that pleases God... that men *believe*; despite challenges, stresses and distractions, *and stand* to receive all that has been given us in Christ!

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I am going to apply myself to live in and under the realm of faith!

His foresight is better than mine... His knowledge is superior to mine... His power is greater than mine... His way is quicker than mine... I'm going to trust His every word more than mine so, rather than react, I am going to practice letting Him rule! **Heb 10.38**

Without faith it is impossible to please God so I am going to learn to live by the faith of the Son of God!

I am going to cultivate a "substantial" life-long faith in God!

I am going to believe that He is GOD... rather than believing God "for" things! If I ask *for* something and don't get it... If I don't get it and *stand*... I know standing faith pleases Him... and I am intent on pleasing Him! "These all died in faith, not having received the promises but seeing them far off and being persuaded of them and embracing them and confessing that they were just passing thru..." **Heb 11.13**

I am going to stand with my unseen God until death do I depart... then I will see Him face to face!

I am going to make it evident from my life of faith that there is a God in an unseen realm!

I will not cave into pressure from the world to back away or back up! I will not chase after empty distractions that steal the power of life from me! I will testify of the goodness and greatness of God... for I am not ashamed! **2Tim1.12,13**

I will show myself strong and unshakable in my convictions that God is real and I will give a reason for the hope that is within me!