

# Faith Towards God

## Hebrews 6v1-6 NLT

So let us stop going over the basic teachings about Christ again and again. Let us go on instead and become mature in our understanding. Surely we don't need to start again with the fundamental importance of repenting from evil deeds and placing our faith in God. You don't need further instruction about baptisms, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgement. And so God willing we will move forward to further understanding.

## What is faith?

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Faith comes from the Greek word Pistis or Pistueo is the verb to believe, firm persuasion, assurance, firm conviction, faithfulness, to trust and rely upon, commit to the charge of, confide in, have mental persuasion of.....

In Hebrew the root word for faith is Aman which means firm or something that is supported or secure. Also from the same root is the word Emun a craftsmen secure in his talent and Emunah (feminine) meaning a firm action.

## Why do we need faith as a firm foundation?

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Hebrews 11v6 (read)

But without faith it is impossible to please him, he who comes to God must first believe that he is , and that he is the rewarder of those who diligently seek him.

- Ephesians 2v8 We are saved by grace through FAITH
- Acts 26v18 We are sanctified by FAITH (explain sanctified)
- Romans 1v17 We grow in knowledge by FAITH (revelation)
- Romans 5v1 We are made righteous by FAITH
- Romans 5v2 We have access to God By FAITH
- 2 Cor 5v7 We walk by FAITH and not by sight
- Ephesians 6v16 We war against spiritual enemies by FAITH
- Romans 12v6 We operate in spiritual gifts by FAITH
- 1 Thessalonians 1v3 We do the work of the kingdom by FAITH
- James 5v15 We pray for the sick in FAITH
- Jude v20 We are strengthened as we pray in the spirit in FAITH
- Habakkuk 2v4 The upright shall live by faith

Anyone need more proof that faith is the start point of every journey with God, faith is his kingdom language, and the reason why we are here right now.

## Where does faith come from?

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Ephesians 2v8 read

For By grace you have been saved through faith, and that is not of yourselves; it is the GIFT of God.

Romans 12v3 "each has been given a measure of faith by God"

Romans 10v17 Faith comes from hearing, and that is hearing the word of God

Clearly faith is not something that can be manufactured by us as human beings, it comes from us having a realisation of truth by the power of God (holy spirit) which in sequence of the foundations we are teaching is birthed in us in the place of repentance (I've been going the wrong way need to change direction)

My most favourite bible illustration of faith that Jesus gives us in Matthew 17v20 'If you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to your mountain MOVE and it will move and nothing will be impossible for you'.

I have a mustard seed and I'm not afraid to use it!

However, Faith is something we can and should grow!

## How can we grow our mustard seed faith?

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### **Reading and meditating on God's word**

Joshua 1v8 this book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, meditate on it day and night that you may observe to do it according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous and then you will have good success.

### **Confession of God's word**

2 Cor 4v13 and since we have the same spirit of faith according to what is written "I believe and therefore I spoke" we also believe and therefore we speak.

Romans 10v9 that if you confess with your mouth that Jesus Christ is Lord and believe in your heart he was raised to life then you will be saved (prayer of salvation)

Ref - power of life and death in the tongue- his words are life

### **Acting upon God's word**

James 1v22-25 NLT But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise you are only fooling yourselves. For if you listen to the word and don't obey it, it's like glancing in at mirror. You see yourself, walk away and forget what you look like.

But if you look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free and if you do what it says and don't forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it.

James 2v26 for the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also

### **Remembering his faithfulness**

Psalm 103v2

Bless the Lord oh my soul and FORGET not all his benefits

Who forgives all your iniquities

Who heals all your diseases

Who redeems your life from destruction

Who crowns you with loving kindness and tender mercies

Who satisfies your mouth with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagles.

Prophecy, promises and testimonies are the things we need to pull out read, declare and focus on when we cannot see the miracle yet. Stir, build and feed your faith so that it rises up above your feelings, thoughts, circumstances.....

Hebrews 11v1

Now faith is the substance of things hoped, the evidence of things not seen and by our elders obtained good testimony.

Huge amount of scripture to digest, go away read, highlight, write out, confess, act upon...

### **Do you have faith/do you want it?**

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For those on a journey of faith are you growing your faith?

Establishing a firm foundation, do you know truths we have read, are you acting upon them, do your actions reflect what you believe?

Are you obedient to God's word? Do you need to remind yourself of his faithfulness, promises, prophecy, testimony,

Let faith arise at the hearing of your word today