

# The Good fight of Faith and Blessings Received !

Faith takes God at His Word, not asking to understand the meaning of the trying experiences that come. But there are many who have little faith. They are always fearing and borrowing trouble. Every day they are surrounded by the **tokens of God's love**, every day they enjoy the bounties of His providence; but they overlook these blessings. And the difficulties they encounter, instead of driving them to God, separate them from Him, by arousing unrest and repining.

Do they well to be thus unbelieving? Jesus is their (your) friend. All heaven is interested in their (your) welfare, and their fear and repining grieve the Holy Spirit. *“For God hath not given us the spirit of fear, but of power, of love and of a sound mind . . . !”* II Timothy 1:7

**Not because we see or feel that God hears us are we to believe. We are to trust His Promises !**

*“For there hath not failed **one Word** of all His good Promise which He swore by the hand of Moses His servant . . . !”* I Kings 8:56

*“For God is not a man, that He should lie; neither the son of man, that He should repent (change His mind); Yea, **hath He said**, and shall He not do it? or hath He spoken, and shall He not make it good ?”*  
Numbers 23:19

*“**For as the Rain** cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it to bring forth and bud (blossom), so that it may give Seed to the sower, and Bread to the eater . . . So shall **My Word** be that goeth forth out of My mouth . . . It shall not return unto Me void, but It shall accomplish that which I please, and It shall prosper in all whereto I sent It . . . !”* Isaiah 55:10-13

*“For all the Promises of God **in Him** (Christ Jesus - The Word), **are Yea**, and in Him, **Amen !**”*  
II Corinthians 1:20

When we come to Him in faith, we should believe that every petition enters into the heart of Christ. When we have asked for His Blessing, **we should believe that we receive it, and thank Him that we have it**. Then we are to go about our duties, assured that the Blessing (which is Yea, and Amen in Christ) will be sent when we need it most. When we have learned to do this, we shall know that our prayers are answered !

And God will do for us “exceeding abundantly,” “according to the riches of His glory (His character and love),” and “the working of His mighty power.” Ephesians 3:20, 16-19

*“For without faith (trust in His great love and desire to do you good) it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that **He Is** (I Am), and that He is **a rewarder** of *all* them that diligently seek Him !”*  
Hebrews 11:6

*“**For I know the thoughts that I think toward you** (Scott, Brandon, Thom), saith the LORD (Yehuwah) . . . thoughts of **Peace** (welfare, prosperity, health and safety), and not of evil, to give you an expected end . . . For then shall ye call upon Me, and ye shall go and pray unto Me . . . and **I will hearken unto you !**”*

*And ye shall seek Me, and ye shall find Me, **when ye shall search for Me** with all of your heart. And I will be found of you, saith the LORD: and **I will turn your captivity . . . !”***  
Jeremiah 29:11-14

Often the Christian life is beset with dangers, and duty seems hard to perform. The imagination pictures impending ruin before, and bondage and death behind. **Yet the Voice of God speaks clearly, Go forward!**

Let us obey the command, even though our sight cannot penetrate the darkness. “*For faith is the substance of things hoped for, **the evidence** of things not seen (that power which worketh for us, and in us by faith) !*”  
Hebrews 11:1

“*For it is not by might, nor by power; but by My Spirit, saith the LORD of hosts . . . !*” Zechariah 4:6

The obstacles that hinder our progress will never disappear before a halting, doubting spirit. Those who defer obedience till every uncertainty disappears, and there remains no risk of failure or defeat, will never obey. Faith looks beyond the difficulties, and lays hold of the unseen, even Omnipotence, therefore it cannot be baffled. Faith is the clasping of the hand of Christ in every emergency !

“*Who art thou, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel (those call out of Babylon) thou shalt become a plain !*”  
Zechariah 4:7

“*Jesus answered and said unto them (Scott, Brandon & Thom), 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 (speak aloud) unto this mountain, **Be thou removed, and cast into the sea; it shall be done !***”

And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive . . . !”  
Matthew 21:21-22

The worker for God needs strong faith. Appearances may seem forbidding; but in the darkest hour there is Light beyond. For “*Thy Word is a Lamp unto my feet, and a Light unto my path . . . !*” Psalm 119:105 The strength of those who, in faith and love serve God, will be renewed day by day. The understanding of the Infinite is placed at their service, that in carrying out His purposes they may not err.

**Let these workers hold the beginning of their confidence** firm unto the end, remembering that the Light of God's Truth . . . *Thy Word is Truth (Verily, Verily so !)* . . . is to shine amid the darkness that enshrouds our world. ref: John 17:17

There is to be no despondency in connection with God's service. The faith of the consecrated worker is to stand every test brought upon it. **God is able and willing** to bestow upon His servants all the strength they need, and to give them the wisdom that their varied necessities demand. He will more than fulfil the highest expectations of those who put their trust in Him.

**Jesus does not call on us** to follow Him, and then forsake us. If we surrender our lives to His service, we can never be placed in a position for which God has not *already* made provision. Whatever may be our situation, we have a Guide to direct our way; whatever our perplexities, we have a sure Counselor; whatever our sorrow, bereavement, or loneliness, we have a sympathizing Friend.

If in our ignorance we make missteps, Christ does not leave us. His Voice, clear and distinct, is heard, saying, *My brothers*, “I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life.” John 14:6 “He shall deliver the needy when he crieth; the poor also, and him that hath no helper.” Psalm 72:12.

“**Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace**, whose mind is stayed on Thee: because he trusteth in Thee.” Isaiah

26:3 The arm of Omnipotence is outstretched to lead us onward and still onward.

Go forward, the Lord says; I will send you help ! It is for My name's glory that you ask; and you shall receive. Those who are watching for your failure shall yet see My Word triumph gloriously !

*“And in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots. And Peter calling to remembrance saith unto Him, Master, behold, the fig tree which Thou cursedst is withered away !*

*And Jesus answering saith unto them (Scott, Brandon & Thom), **Have faith in God !** For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith . . . .*

*Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them . . . !” “For faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God !”*

Mark 11:20-24 & Romans 10:17

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