

LESSON 15

FAITH

Memorize:

“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.”
(Hebrews 11:6)

INTRODUCTION

Besides our salvation, which is a result of our faith, there are numerous other benefits to believing the promises of God. **Hebrews 10:35** says we are not to cast away our confidence for it will be richly rewarded. If we will keep the same faith that brought us our salvation, we can accomplish great things with it.

The eleventh chapter of the book of Hebrews is called the “*Hall of Faith*.” In it we find accounts of great men and women who demonstrated their faith in God. We find that their faith affected their life’s goal and lifestyle. Verse 6 says “*But without faith it is impossible to please Him (God)...*” Faith is not a magical ingredient which will grant your every wish, but it is your response to God evidenced by action on your part, which moves God to action on your behalf.

SOURCE OF FAITH

1. How is the seed of faith planted in our hearts? (**Romans 10:17**)

2. List two means by which we get the word of God in our hearts?

(**Romans 10:14**) _____

(**Psalms 1:1-6**) _____

FAITH IN ACTION

1. Read **James 2:17-22**.

Faith without works is _____. (**vs. 17**)

How does genuine faith show itself? _____ (**vs. 18**)

Our faith is made _____. (**vs. 22**)

2. How did Noah demonstrate his faith in **Hebrews 11:7**?

3. Read **Luke 5:18-19**. What did the friends of the palsied man do that showed their faith? _____

4. Because the centurion understood authority, he received a miracle for his servant. What did he say in **Matthew 8:8** that showed his faith?

5. What are two conditions for receiving an answer to our prayer? (**Mark 11:23**)
_____ and _____

FAITH AND TRUST

1. **Matthew 6:25-33** tells us about God's care for His creation. What assurance do these verses give us that our needs will be met? _____

2. **Romans 4:19-21** tells us that Abraham did not _____ at the promise of God but was fully _____ that He would perform it. As a result of his unwavering confidence, he received the promised son, Isaac.

3. What will you need after you have done the will of God and have not yet received the promise? (**Hebrews 10:36**) _____

4. Abraham, the **Father of the Faithful*, waited _____ before he received the promise. (**Hebrews 6:15**)

5. **1 Peter 1:7-9** tells us that our faith is much more precious than _____; and though it is severely tested, it will bring praise, honor and glory when Jesus returns.

***Galatians 3:7**

6. What will the shield of faith protect us from? (**Ephesians 6:16**)

7. **Philippians 1:6** tells us that God has begun a good work in our lives, and since He has begun it, what else will He do? _____
8. **2 Corinthians 5:7** says, “For we walk by _____, not by _____.” This means that even though we can’t see the future, we will continue to believe that God is in control of our lives regardless of the circumstances.

HINDRANCES TO FAITH

1. Read **James 1:5-8**. What is the result of our wavering or uncertainty?

2. Peter’s faith in Jesus allowed him to do what? (**Matthew 14:23-32**)

After a few steps, he began to sink. Why? _____
3. Since our thoughts can have a strong influence on our faith, what does **2 Cor. 10:5** tell us to do with our imaginations and thoughts? _____
and _____

SUMMARY

“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.” (**Hebrews 11:1**) This means that through faith, you can say “I have what I prayed for even though I can’t see it yet.” This is because your faith is in a God who spoke the world into existence and not in your ability or power. Jesus said “If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.” (**Mark 9:23**) This means taking a risk. Step out in faith and trust Him completely in every area of your life.

NOTES: QUESTIONS/COMMENTS