

# Believing without Seeing!

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A common expression: *I'll believe it when I see it*—but Jesus tells us to *believe it before we see it!* He said John 4:48, “*Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe*”—which is a reminder of the widespread unbelief in the world. God promises that we *will see it* if we will first *believe it!*

Our attitude toward the *Word of God* is vital as it is directly connected to His *Promise of eternal life*. *Faith* is a factor when we only have a *word*—and God gives us His *Word*. Since it is Hebrews 6:18 “*It is impossible for God to lie*,” we should *believe* the truth and act on His promise before *seeing* any result.

If we *hear* about an event—but have not *seen* any of the activities—we are presented with a choice—*believe* it happened or to *not believe* it happened. God's *Word* is a true statement of facts, and our *not believing* what He has written does *not change anything*—it is *still* true! Everything the Bible says about *God* is true, and everything it says about *us* is true. Jeremiah 17:9 “*The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked.*”

We are required to *believe* the promises in the Bible before *seeing* them with our eyes. God says we are delivered when we pray in faith and act on that belief 2 Corinthians 1:20. Jesus says John 14:13 “*Whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.*” Our

believing does not *perform* the healing—it is the Blood of Christ that *paid* for the healing.

The spiritual battle with the devil is about faith in the *Word of God*. Satan wants to *cause doubt*—but God wants to *inspire faith*. The centurion *believed before seeing* and said Matthew 8:8 “*Speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed.*”

He knew that God is always *good* to His *Word*, so Jesus would *heal* his servant. It is about whether God was able to make good on His promise—and if He is, then we are to *believe* the facts; *accept* His *Word*; and *act* in faith. Three things we are required to do: *Believe*, *Accept*, and *Act*.

When we believe the *Word of God first*, His Spirit inspires faith in us *second*—faith to accept the facts. God says *Do not be afraid* because when fear is *rejected* His *Word* is *accepted*.

Jehoshaphat had to decide if the victory was already won or not. 2 Chronicles 20:17 “*You will not have to fight this battle. Take up your positions; stand firm and see the deliverance the LORD will give you.*” By believing the facts they could praise the Lord *before* the battle. And God granted the victory—25 “*They were three days in gathering of the spoil, it was so much.*”

When we *confess* our sins to God, we are to *act* in faith on His *Word*. We are not to *play sick*, but to *act well* on His promise to heal us 2 Corinthians 1:20—because *not acting* in faith is *not believing* in heart what God promises. We should *believe without seeing* because God is true to His word. Mark 11:24 “*Whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.*”

It is really the *easiest* thing to believe *God* since He can only tell the truth Hebrews 6:18—and because His *love* for us and has awesome *power* to deliver us. When we are willing to *believe*

*before seeing*, He gives us the power to act on the *Word*. God says *Do not be afraid*, because *He conquers the enemy*—2 Chronicles 20:17 “*Ye shall not need to fight in this battle.*”

It was God's promise to *deliver*, and it was their decision to *accept*—or they could *reject* that promise. *Jehoshaphat bowed his head with his face to the ground, and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem bowed before the LORD, worshipping the LORD.*”

They made the decision to *believe before they saw* that the battle was won and the victory given—just as *certain* as the day they entered the Valley of Praise. Jehoshaphat told them 2 Chronicles 20:20 to “*Believe in the LORD your God*”—before *seeing* the deliverance.

He told them *not* to limit God's power but to *believe* and choose victory—and they were able to 26 *assemble in the Valley of Berachah* to praise and glorify God. The atoning Blood of Jesus guarantees the victory.

[An example of *believing before seeing*]—a centurion asked Jesus Matthew 8:6 “*Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy [paralysis], grievously tormented. 7 And Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him. 8 The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed.*”

The man would *believe* before he *saw* any healing—he *knew* Jesus had authority over the devil. The centurion added Matthew 8:9 “*For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it.*”

We assume that the man had things in his life to *correct* and sins to *confess*—like we all do—but with one statement of *believing before seeing*, he is promised Paradise! 10 “*When Jesus heard it,*

he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.” Jesus called it “great faith” because the man *believed without seeing*.

Matthew 8:11 “And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>12</sup> But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

Then *this* promise from the Lord: <sup>13</sup> “Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour.”

When we are willing to believe God’s Word without yet seeing the answer to prayer, everything else will adjust itself. We may ask others to join us in prayer, and we can fast and pray all night, but just *believing* the Word before *seeing* the victory is all that really matters. The Word is sealed by the Blood of Jesus, and God will make good on His promise.

[Another Bible example] John 4:46-47 “There was a certain royal official whose son lay sick at Capernaum.” The man pleaded with Jesus to “Come and heal his son, who was close to death.” Jesus did not mention the man’s past sins, his lack of faith, or his previous failures—because the *foundation sin* was an *unwillingness to believe*.

John 4:48 “Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe.” Jesus got to the root of the problem. He did not mention any possible sins of—lying, cheating, or any other offenses. Jesus only referred to the work of the Holy Spirit—Who John 16:8-9 “Will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: of sin, because they do not believe in Me.”

We want to believe God, but Satan often aggravates symptoms to bring doubt and to dissolve our faith. Satan wants us to *see* before we

*believe*—reversing God’s plan and hindering divine power. Satan will often increase pain, worsen attitudes, or intensify conditions to cause confusion. The devil has Mark 4:19 “The cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful.”

In the Parable of the Sower Luke 8:15 only one out of four, or one-fourth, received the *promise* of God—those “Which in a honest and good heart, having heard the word [listened to the Message in a right spirit], keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience.” Not *believing* the Word has *always* been the problem.

The man had the Word from Jesus—John 4:50 “Go your way; your son lives.’ So the man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him, and he went his way.” The man was miles away and could not *see* any results. He had asked for the healing of the boy and Jesus said it was done, so the man chose to *believe before seeing*. The man decided to *act* on the Word.

It all depended on *God* making good on His promise—was the *Word* sufficient, was the issue. John 4:51-53 “While he was still on the way, his servants met him with the news that his boy was living. When he inquired as to the time when his son got better, they said to him, ‘The fever left him yesterday at the seventh hour.’

The father realized that this was the exact time at which Jesus had said to him, ‘Your son will live.’ So he and all his household believed”—so they *all* would praise God!

The *attitude* the man *took*, cancelled every past sin in his life; and it erased every wrong he had ever done. His willingness to *believe* the Word before *seeing* the answer, gave him a short cut to health and healing.

The love, mercy, and power of God keeps us in the land of the living. Lamentations 3:22-23 “Through

the LORD’s mercies we are not consumed, Because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness.”

The man lowered through the roof where Jesus was speaking, was willing to *believe* before *seeing*. He *believed* what Jesus said, *acted* in faith, and was *delivered* from Satan’s power. Mark 2:5 “When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, ‘Son, your sins are forgiven you’”—and God will see *our* faith when we *act* on His promise to heal.

It took a true repentance and a believing faith for the man to get up—since the man was not able to stand without assistance. The man got up in full dependence on the power of the Word. He *believed the facts before seeing the healing*—and received a divine miracle.

Mark 2:10-12 “But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins”—He said to the paralytic, ‘I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house.’ Immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went out in the presence of them all, so that all were amazed and glorified God!”

Satan cannot come in *while* we believe the Word, and he cannot remain a moment *after* we believe the Word. May God help us to understand that principle of Truth and trust—To *act* on the Word and to *prove* in our own life that He is a God of love, mercy, and power for all who are *Believing without Seeing!*

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