

# Believing God's Word; Opens Our Door to Receive

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God can open doors for us to receive all of His blessings because all of our sins are covered under the Blood of Jesus, and the Word of God assures that we (as repentant sinners), are freed from those sins because of Jesus' cleansing Blood (shed for us on a cross at Calvary).

(Isaiah 53:6) "*All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.*" Therefore, repentant souls are cleansed and forgiven through Jesus' Blood, and we should believe His Word to be filled by and with His Spirit, to be made spiritually *ready* to enjoy good health, divine healing, God's peace and protection, and prosperity in God's way.

The devil tries to tell us that we are not forgiven; not in good health; and that we do not have the Spirit within our heart and mind. It becomes an issue of whose *word* we are accepting; and what *position* do we wish to take, now that we are a new creation in Christ Jesus; dead to sin and alive to God or, are we still living for *self*, and so still just as oppressed, just as poor, and as sinful as we were? — (*that* is the *issue* and the choice that we all need to make).

The Blood of Christ enables us to be dead to sin, and free of trouble, sickness, oppression, and every evil thing, also being able to live God's Truth by faith in the Blood of His Son, free from poverty and all those troubles. *That* is where the Blood places us, and if we truly *believe* it, then it becomes a *reality*.

Our faith does not *make* it real; because it *is* real whether we believe it or not. Our believing just opens the door to God's power. (Luke 5:1) "*It came to pass, that, as the people pressed upon him [Jesus] to hear the word of God, he stood by the lake of Gennesaret*" (4) "*When He had stopped*

*speaking, He said to Simon, 'Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.'*"

The whole story of spiritual victory and deliverance through faith, is in that verse of Scripture, that is, believe God's Word and step out in faith, and allow the blessing to come in. That is the door by which one can step out of trouble into peace, out of illness into health, out of sorrow, poverty, and oppression; however, it *is* a step of faith, by believing what the *Word* says, and what the *Blood* accomplished for us.

Our believing does not *pay* for anything—it is not the merit needed to pay the price for our deliverance; it just *allows* us to receive what has already been paid for and done for us.

Jesus told Simon to "*Launch out into the deep,*" for there are plenty of fish there. The men had to decide whether that was true or not true. They surely would have been thinking about already fishing that spot, and of proving that no fish were there.

Simon recalled his past-experience; he weighed the evidence he had seen; and then he considered the Word from the Lord; and he made a right choice (just as we all need to do in our life, use our power of choice to believe God's Word, or to not believe it).

That is where victories are won and lost; it is a deciding moment that every person comes to in life (one time, or many times) and we will have to make a choice.

We will have to choose by what we see, what we feel, and what Satan suggests to our mind (to hinder us from believing) or choose by what we know the Word of the living God tells us.

It is one choice or the other. If we accept the suggestions of the devil, (all that God's Son did for us on the cross cannot help us). But Jesus said there were plenty of fish in that spot.

Simon made a right choice; (Luke 5:5) and he said to Jesus "*Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net.*" (to receive what the Word of God told them was there for them to receive).

We may often try to do right and be healed, and we want to know why we are not delivered. We may often toil all night to believe, only to come up short of the victory.

Those words "*nevertheless at thy Word I will,*" was the path of a believing faith that opened the door and took Simon from defeat to *victory*. When Jesus has said something to us in His Word,

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we can believe it and act in faith on that Promise from God.

(Hebr.4:3) "*We which have believed do enter into rest,*" because "*the works [or the payment of our sin debt] were finished from the foundation of the world.*"

That word *nevertheless* can be like a solid clean pathway by which we can follow and not get us mired in unbelief, and it can deliver us from the sin of unbelief, of our depending on the self-life, deliver us from sorrow, sickness, and Satan's power.

As we actively follow that pathway of "nevertheless at Thy Word", we then cross over from defeat unto victory, and (there will be no more 'toiling all night and taking nothing'.) "*Nevertheless, at Thy Word*", is just one step, but it is a huge step "to believe and act in faith", which will enable us to receive the blessings and deliverance that God has for us. *Let down the net*, Jesus is saying to us, so you *will see the blessing*.

God's Word says that every time we pray for healing, the work to provide that healing has already been done. There is no need for us to toil all night and still be oppressed.

We should say (as Simon Peter did), "Nevertheless at Your Word, heavenly Father, I will believe and step out in faith, and by your strength alone I accept what You are offering to me.

I have prayed all night, and have asked others to pray with me, but the Blood of Jesus is the only healing power and the only merit I need. Since that price has been paid, I must believe, must act in faith, and receive my blessing, (my promised peace), and the healing that You have for me.)

When those Israelites were bitten by poisonous snakes, God told Moses to place a serpent on a pole (which was a type or symbol of our Savior on the cross). If they would follow His instructions and look at that symbol, they would be delivered.

(Numbers 21:9) "*So Moses made a bronze serpent, and put it on a pole; and so it was, if a serpent had bitten anyone, when he looked at the bronze serpent, he lived.*" (We need not look to any symbol of Christ, we can look at the work of the atonement Blood of Christ, which forgives our sins and heals our body.

God's deliverance provided for us, all comes down to believing on His Word, so by faith the door will be opened to receive our victory. It is a willingness on our part to believe God's Word that

says to us, that His Son paid for our sins on the cross.

Simon said (Luke 5:5-6) "*Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy Word I will let down the net. And when they had this done, they enclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake.*"

God's Word is telling us to try His plan and receive His blessings in all things. If we will tithe on our gains for the support of God's Truth, He promises to give back far more than 10% to us. (Malachi 3:10) "'Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, That there may be food in My house, And try Me now in this,' Says the LORD of hosts, 'If I will not open for you the windows of heaven And pour out for you such blessing That there will not be room enough to receive it.'"

The principle of trust involved to receive the blessing (the healing, the victory, or anything else) is, that the moment we believe and accept the Word of God (which has explained for us what the shed Blood of Christ has accomplished, we then are to step out in faith to open the door to take receipt of our deliverance. The power of God will back up every decision we make to act by faith on His Word.

The man who was brought to Jesus on a bed and lowered through a roof before Him, was told by Jesus that his sins were forgiven.

Jesus (Who knows each one's heart) knew that the man had faith to believe to receive. (Luke 5:20) "*He saw their faith and said to him, 'Friend, your sins are forgiven.'*"

The issue was whether the man *believed* that his sins were actually forgiven or not. If they *were* forgiven, then the power of God could *heal* his body.

When Jesus told him to 'get up and walk', the man was lying on a bed and was just as unable to get up and do anything, as before he heard those words.

By an action of faith on his part and his 'getting up', the man proved the Word, a Word that said he was *forgiven* and *healed* from 'beginning of time'. (Hebr.4:3) "*We who have believed enter that rest.*" (There are many that do not enter that rest, because of their unbelief). (vs. continues) "*And yet his work has been finished since the creation of the world.*"

If we will believe the Word that says our sins are *forgiven* and our body *healed*, we will enter that rest. Jesus stands at our door and holding our deliverances, our victories, and our blessings in His

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hands, if we believe He will pardon our sins, heal our body, supply our needs, and give us His peace. Anyone can prove that to be reality by reaching out in faith and receiving from His hands.

The question then, is not how much faith we have, but how faithful is the God we have? The questions we need to consider would be: 'Is God always true to His Word? Can any statement He makes be accepted without question?'

Every true Christian must believe that God is fully reliable, honest, and trustworthy, and that His Promises are always the truth. (Isaiah 53: says), "*by His stripes we are healed.*" We need to deal only with the facts given us in God's Word (and not even consider faith, which we will naturally have if we truly believe in the fulfillment of God's Word).

The example in John 4, of "a nobleman whose son was sick", is a true example and explanation of 'true faith' and the 'true pathway' that leads to Eternal Life, and it should inspire true believing faith for divine healing through the 'power of Jesus' Blood (a sacrificial 'work of Atonement') It is the victorious Christian 'life of faith' in one example and explanation, as God inspired to be written for us.

(Vs.47) "When this man heard that Jesus had arrived in Galilee from Judea, he went to him and begged him to come and heal his son, who was close to death." Instead of Jesus saying that He would (or would not) go with the man to heal the boy, Jesus said(vs.48) "*Unless you and others see miracles and marvels, nothing will induce you to believe.*"

Jesus meant that the man was not convinced in his own mind, and that he did not believe that God's Word meant what it says. Jesus is telling us that many people only went by what they could feel (or what they actually saw with their eyes.) He meant, they would not accept God's Word as sufficient evidence, so they were not walking by faith.'

Satan surely suggested many negative and doubtful things to the man's mind, but the man did not give up, and he said (vs.49) "*Sir, come down before my child dies.*" He was persistent, but he wanted to 'see' Jesus' touch and heal the boy (which would not be 'faith in a spoken Word', nor a pure 'walk of faith.' Jesus replied (Vs.50) "*You may return home your son has recovered.*"

The man could either accept those words or not accept them. He could exercise absolute faith in those words (only), and return home to see the boy delivered, or, he could have said that he would

not accept just 'words' for his son's healing, but that he wanted to 'see' the healing being accomplished.

The example that we have, however, is that the man did accept Jesus' Words as being a true fact, and he then took an actual 'walk of faith' back to his home (to see his son well and fully recovered.) The man refused to see defeat (as Satan surely pictured it). Instead, he believed and accepted victory as God Promised it would be. (vs 50) "He believed the words of Jesus and started back home."

The Word of God (spoken by Jesus Christ), presented a picture to the man's mind. He only had words, for he did not actually see any healing (but God had spoken those words to Him).

Sight, feeling, and Satan's suggestions are all opposite to faith. They were opposite then, and they are opposite now. In the 'Name of Jesus' we must reject Satan's lies and suggestions, and believe the Words of our faithful God, which have said to us, "*The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.*"

The man had a responsibility to fulfill (just as you and I do). He had to choose whether he was going to accept the Words of Jesus, or not accept them. He had to exercise his 'power of choice' to believe or not believe. He could 'walk by faith' or could insist on seeing the healing take place.

However, he made the choice to believe that the boy was exactly as God's Word said he was... "*fully healed*". (Vs 51 says) "*He was already on his way down when his servants met him and told him that his son was alive and well.*"

**(MAIN POINT)** If the man would not have believed the Word of God and would not have held onto that promise from God's Son, he would not have received a healing of his boy.

The man just considered the Words spoken to him, and he considered Who spoke those Words. He thought of whether he should (or should not) have believing faith in those words.

The type of faith that brings results is a faith that *asks* God, and then *believes* the forgiveness of sin has already been given.

This type of believing faith is based on the *merit* of Jesus' Blood, so there is no reason *not* to believe that it can heal our body. God doesn't ask us to believe anything to *make* it a true fact; but to believe because it *is already* true.

God's Word says that our sins, sorrows, troubles, and sicknesses were all canceled on the Cross, and the moment we believe it, the door is

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opened, and the victory is waiting for us to receive it as ours.

That work of Atonement (completed two thousand years ago) is the merit price already paid for us. It is not our *faith* that pays for victory (it just opens the door to receive (for there is no merit in our faith nor anything else), but all in the *Blood* of the Lamb. That price paid, compels God to act in our behalf. It is (Reve.13:8) the "*Lamb slain from the foundation of the world*" that destroyed the devil's power forever.

When we believe Jesus *did* that for us, and we *know* that He is standing at our heart's door waiting for us to respond, we can believe to *open* that door, hear His voice, act on His Words, and *receive* the victory, for the cost has already been paid.

The power of God is by our side to make it a reality. No one *but* God could make such a plan and give such a promise for us, to just *believe* His Word and be *delivered* in the moment.

When we believe what Jesus did for us on the cross, we are given a right to receive our victory in spirit, soul, and body. A faith that believes, enables God's power to work. When the healing of a boy was hindered, Jesus told His disciples it was (Matt.17:20), "*Because of your unbelief.*" He then added that if one's faith is the size of a seed, "*nothing shall be impossible unto you.*"

The value of Jesus' Blood is the only thing that matters. We are not to consider the *amount* of faith we have, but to consider the *value* of the Blood that was shed for us! Real faith really believes what Jesus accomplished. (Hebr.4:3) "*We who have believed enter that rest;*" because, "*His work has been finished since the creation of the world.*"

We need to know two things about faith, it is not necessary for us to believe to *make* God's Word true; and 'God asks us to believe His Word because it *is* true.

It is the doorway that leads one away from our troubles, poverty, illness, and pain, but it must be the *step of faith* (by believing *just the Word*), which tells us what the Blood of our Savior has already done. Our believing does not pay for the victory, but it opens our heart's door to receive it from God.

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1. The Blood of Christ enables us to be dead to sin and every evil thing.

Also being able to live God's Truth by faith in the Blood of His Son, and free from poverty, trouble, and oppression. *That* is where the Blood places us, and if we truly *believe* it, it becomes a *reality*.

Our faith does not *make* it real; because it *is* real whether we believe it or not. Our believing just opens the door to God's power.

2. The value of Jesus' Blood is the only thing that matters as merit for our victory. We should not consider the *amount* of faith we have but consider the *value* of the Blood that was shed for us!

Real faith really believes what Jesus accomplished to give us rest. And (Hebr.4:3) says, "*We who have believed enter that rest;*" because, "*His work has been finished since the creation of the world.*"

3. The power of Jesus' Blood is behind every Promise given us in God's Word, and an example of active faith on that power is given us, when Simon said (Luke 5:5-6) "*Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy Word I will let down the net.*"

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