

BIBLE FACTS



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God's Word is a statement of real facts, whether we believe it or not. Everything the Bible says about God is a real fact; everything it says about us is a real fact. God's promises are also statements of facts, and the point we are making is that we are to accept these promises before we see or feel the facts, the same as if we both saw and felt them as facts.

Many times, our troubles are caused by unbelief. Down in our hearts we don't really and truly accept God's Word as the fact. As an illustration: suppose we had a relative living at some distance from here, that we have not heard from in a long time, and we found out they were seriously oppressed physically.

After a while we received a letter from them stating that they had gone through a severe physical oppression but now they are well and strong and able to go back to work again. We would be thankful and praising God, and why? The only evidence we have of that relative being well would be a written word.

It is the same with us today, we have positive fact in God's written Word that tells us that we are well and strong when we pray in Jesus' Name. The very moment we pray, God's Word assures us in several places that we are healed.

John 14:14, "*If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.*"

John 16:23-24, "*And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you. Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.*"

Mark 11:24, "*Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.*"

1 John 5:14-15, "*And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: And if we know that he*

hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him."

These are all plain statements from God's Holy Word, which never grows old nor changes ever. When we accept the facts from God's Word, and believe what we have read, as we did from the oppressed relatives' letter, we will have the same results. We will be well as we believe the Word, which says we are positively well when we pray in Jesus' Name. That is God's plan for our deliverance, through believing the Word.

Our responsibility is to just believe, which does not perform the healing nor accomplish the deliverance in any sense of the word; these things were already accomplished on Calvary's Cross; it was there that our sins were pardoned, our hearts cleansed, our gift of righteousness was given; it was there our perfect health and protection was granted, our financial prosperity was granted; and it was there all our battles were fought and won.

We are to believe the facts about Jesus Christ and what He has done, and it becomes ours the very moment we ask for it in Jesus' Name. We are to see ourselves, on the authority of God's Word alone, which tells us that we are pardoned and cleansed the moment we have confessed our sins.

Many may confess their sins over and over again, but then slip back into the old way of sight and feeling. They do not see or feel that they are pardoned and cleansed, and it opens the door for Satan to come in with his evil thoughts and suggestions. The whole thing is a frame-up of Satan, and he will try to work on our minds in this way. While we listen to Satan's thoughts and suggestions, God's power is hindered, and He cannot help us to live an overcoming life of faith and trust on Him. We are to be kept through faith in God's Word by believing the bare Word of God.

Romans 5:2, "*By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand.*"

When we confess and forsake our sins, God is right there, ready to pardon and cleanse them.¹ John 1:9, "*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*"

All we need to do is to go before God and ask Him for our forgiveness and it is done, the same process as going to the bank to get money that is ours, we ask for it and they turn it over to you.

We are to place ourselves into God's hands, without reserve, according to Romans 12:1, "*I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.*"

When we present our body as a living sacrifice, it is a positive fact that God does accept it and takes full possession of it, and we are to believe that it is a real fact. The Cross of Calvary is a real fact, and it becomes such good news when we realize all that Jesus has done for us, what the promises mean and what the Blood means. The moment we pray as they direct and accept them as facts, it places us in line for all the blessings of Calvary's Cross.

1 Corinthians 1:18, "*For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.*"

It is the same way with healing, if we ask for healing in Jesus' Name, the Word says it is ours when we ask. Many people may ask and ask and wonder why they do not receive healing when they are willing to do anything to get it, rather than believe the bare Word of God that says that it is theirs.

When we ask for healing, God's Word says you are well; "Go and be whole of your plague." The moment we ask anything in Jesus' Name, or the moment we have been anointed, God's Word says, 'We are well', that we have whatsoever we desire, that we know when we ask, He heareth us, and if we know that He heareth us, we know that we have the petitions desired of Him.

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The Bible is a statement of facts before they are seen or felt. The moment we accept the Word

of God, as we would any honest man's word, the entire storehouse of God will be opened unto us. After we have prayed, or have been anointed, we are never to count ourselves anything but well. The moment we have asked, the Word says we are perfectly well, and we should take that as the only evidence.

The Psalmist says, *Psalms 107:20, "He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions."*

All deliverances come through the Word. We are to be kept saved, and kept well through faith in the Word, kept by the power of God, through faith unto salvation. *1 Peter 1:5, "Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time."*

We are to always believe that our sins are pardoned and cleansed, that we are filled with God's righteousness, because we have presented our body a living sacrifice; we are perfectly well because we have asked for our healing in Jesus' Name, or because we have been anointed, we have a perfect right to count ourselves well according to God's Word, because God's Word says our prayer is answered.

Satan tries to get in through the self-life and wants to control us by causing us to doubt the Word of God. A willingness and a determination to believe the Word of God is the greatest factor in the death of the self-life.

We have many examples in God's Word of those who were willing to believe the Word of God. One outstanding case was that of Jehoshaphat who laid his case before the Lord in *2 Chronicles 20:12, "O our God, wilt thou not judge them? for we have no might against this great company that cometh against us; neither know we what to do: but our eyes are upon thee."*

Then we have that wonderful answer which came immediately; (verses 14-15) *"Then upon Jahaziel the son of Zechariah, came the Spirit of the LORD in the midst of the congregation; And he said, Harken ye, all Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem, and thou king Jehoshaphat, Thus saith the LORD unto you, Be not afraid nor dismayed by*

reason of this great multitude; for the battle is not yours, but God's."

This is how God works when we are willing to accept His Word. He will give us the power to go through with it when we make that unconditional surrender and take a stand that God's Word is going to be sufficient evidence. That must be settled in our minds first of all.

The first thing God told those people was not to be afraid. "Be not afraid" is what Jahaziel told them through the Spirit of the Lord. The moment they accepted that Word, their fear was gone.

(16-17) Tomorrow go ye down against them: behold, they come up by the cliff of Ziz; and ye shall find them at the end of the brook, before the wilderness of Jeruel. Ye shall not need to fight in this battle: set yourselves, stand ye still, and see the salvation of the LORD with you, O Judah and Jerusalem: fear not, nor be dismayed; tomorrow go out against them: for the LORD will be with you.

Here was a plain statement of facts and all they had to do was decide in their own minds and hearts whether God was able to make good or not. They were commanded not to be afraid and told that the battle was not theirs but God's, to stand still and see the salvation of the Lord; it was up to them to decide whether they would accept that Word or not.

(18) "And Jehoshaphat bowed his head with his face to the ground: and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem fell before the LORD, worshipping the LORD."

They fully accepted the Word of God completely; they believed the battle was already fought and won; the whole thing is over.

This is the same point that we are trying to bring forth. God's Holy Word is a statement of positive facts, and God will make good on every one of them. The moment we accept the Word of God at its face value, that moment the power of God can come in and set us free.

Many may think they must go through all kind of fasting, pray all night, have many praying for them, but all unnecessary. All we must do is to hold on to God's Word and discover what it says

to us, what is back of it. That Word is sealed by the Blood of Jesus Christ and God is able to make good on it.

Take the case of the nobleman and his son, Jesus did not say that this man had cheated, lied, or committed some secret sin; but He pointed out the root of sin, as He did in *John 16:8-9*, in speaking of the specific work of the Holy Spirit, *"And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: Of sin, because they believe not on me."*

Jesus knew the nobleman was far short of repentance, but He also knew he also had that deep-rooted sin, the sin which carries everything else with it, UNBELIEF, not believing the Word of God. That is the seat of all other sin, an unwillingness to believe the bare Word of God, having a real trust in God.

Jesus gave the man his choice, either accept the Word, or nothing. The whole thing involved was whether he would take the Word of God for this healing or would he demand signs and wonders. *John 4:50, "Jesus saith unto him, Go thy way; thy son liveth. And the man believed the word that Jesus had spoken unto him, and he went his way."*

Jesus gave him that statement that his boy was well, he was many miles from the boy and could not see whether the Word was true or not. His decision was to believe that Word and the boy was fully healed.

We as well, after we have prayed and taken God at His Word, which says we are healed, our decision, as the nobleman, is to believe, accept it by faith, and we are healed. Satan cannot come in when we believe that Word and he cannot remain a moment after we believe that Word. Jesus' very words in *Mark 9:23* are, *"If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth."*



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