Believe the Promises to Receive from God

(Not Waver In Faith To Hinder Our Receiving From Him)

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To waver in faith, reveals doubt in one's heart, in their believing that God will do what He promised in His Word. Divine power is there for us if we will believe, and at our disposal if we will not believe; we need to admit no doubt in our heart; as we trust God in faith to manifest His power for us. (Mark 11:23) *"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."*

Divine wisdom is always available, as we are informed in (James 1:5-6) *"Ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him." (*but we are also reminded in (vs.*6) "But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind."*

Jesus came to a fig tree (Matt.21:19) *"and found nothing on it but leaves, and (He) said to it, 'Let no fruit grow on you ever again.' Immediately the fig tree withered away."* [But we were informed that we can immediately have the answer to our prayer.] (Mark 11:24) *"What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them",* and add (Mark 11:22) *"Have faith in God,"* He meant, to admit no doubt in our heart. If our faith is faltering, the deliverance is hindered.

"Whoever; does not doubt" could include every person of every time and nation. (Hebr.10:19-22) *"Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the* Holiest, *by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, and having a High Priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a 'true heart' in full assurance of faith." (for fulfillment of our request).*

It is not an ***experiment***, but instead, a 'commitment' to go through in faith *"with a true heart"* at any cost, because we are informed by the words of (Hebr.10:22) *"having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water."* So, it is not a mystery, and it is not God's fault, but it is a faltering faith or a wavering heart attitude on our part. That is what hinders our answers to prayer.

We need to believe and trust God in faith when we are feeling well (and if not so well); when we are enlightened, or when not enlightened; and whether things are 'going our way', or, not going our way; also regardless of what we see or how we feel at the moment. When we cease to put a limit on our *trust* and *faith* on the divine power of God, ..all of His *promises* become accessible to us (to receive of His Promises).

Abraham was given God's promise to have a son, but he could not fully comprehend how that could be. Nevertheless, "*Abraham* (Rom.4:18 says) "*against hope, believed in hope,"* or *"Under utterly hopeless circumstances he hope-fully believed."* By admitting no doubt in his heart, and not faltering in his faith (for many years), Abraham proved by his faith on God, that God had told him the truth, because that promised blessing *was* fulfilled. [God gave us many Promises in His infallible Word, we must make our choice to believe on His Promises, and so, receive of them.]

Many people led to think that they cannot have enough faith in God to receive victory over Satan's power, but we cannot divide our trust between God and man's plans and ways and policies. We cannot say that we trust God in *faith*, and at the same time to trust on pills, prescriptions, and drugs (or on therapy, as most people of the world do) in their attitude of *unbelief*. We either trust on the power of the living God, or we put our faith in the promises of modern medicine. (We choose *one* or the *other)*.

Satan tries to put doubt in our heart, so a warning is needed (Hebr.3:12) "*Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God."* We are either *departing from* the 'living God', or trusting on the living God. It is possible for us to trust God, because (1 John 1:7) teaches us that *"the blood of Jesus Christ His Son, cleanses us from all sin."* If

we admit no doubt in heart (no sin of unbelief in our decisions and actions), the Holy Spirit will surely inspire us to trust God in faith without wavering.

One's trusting God in faith would definitely include trusting Him for money as and when needed, and trust on Him for every other aspect of the Christian life of faith. Money is the one issue in peoples lives, that touches the heart the most. From a natural standpoint, money (or the lack of it) *is* a very difficult matter on which to burn our bridge of doubt, but we will never come to *know God*; never understand His salvation; and never really know what kind of faith *we* truly have, until we face an empty cupboard, an empty wallet, and an empty stomach, with no one else to refill them, but God, Himself.

We may criticize Israel for complaining when 'there was no bread' in 'a *land of nothing'*, but we are far worse for complaining when there is no bread in a '*land of plenty'*. We often seem to have an *abundance of faith*, (when there is *plenty of food* around), but when we are 'put to the test', the faith that we thought we had (can go right out the window!)

That woman in Zarephath (that we read about in (1 Kings 17), had received no food, no blessing from the Lord, and no supply to be seen or used, until she allowed no faltering of her faith, and she decided to choose to trust God to the end (when her and her son's life was at stake). She had a very meager amount of flour and oil when the prophet asked her for a drink, but when she went to get some water for him, he added(1 Kings 17:11) *"Bring me, I pray thee, a morsel of bread in thine hand."* (We think, how uncaring and insensitive it seemed (for a stranger to request the last meal she had for her and her son).

(1 Kings 17:12) *"So she said, 'As the LORD your God lives, I do not have bread, only a handful of flour in a bin, and a little oil in a jar; and see, I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.'"* That sounded very discouraging, but God had said to Elijah (1 Kings 17:9) *"I have commanded a widow there to provide for you."* (God's written Promises speak to us also.)

So, Elijah's response was (1 Kings 17:13-14) *"Fear not; go and do as thou hast said: but make me thereof a little cake first, and bring it unto me, ..and after, 'make for thee and for thy son'. For thus saith the LORD God of Israel."* [Whose word we are following, makes all the difference in the world, when we will choose to follow God's Word, and believe on His Promises in unwavering faith.} Are we following the instructions given from a human source, or those given from a Divine source (as in) *"The barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day that the LORD sendeth rain upon the earth."*

Elijah was speaking for the Lord, and, telling the widow to take a 'stand of faith'; that is, do not go by what is seen (that little bit of flour and oil); but to look away from human sources, and be willing to trust on an unseen God (who promises to supply all your needs). Thus she (vs.15) *"did according to the saying of Elijah: and she, and he, and her house, did eat many days. And the barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the cruse of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake by Elijah."* (she had gotten her human place of trust out of the way, and had no place or thing other than God to trust, for her and her son's life.

(In another God-given example for us to learn from) God took Israel through the Red Sea on a passage of dry ground (which closed up after them). They were then face-to-face with either trusting God *in faith*, or dying *in their unbelief*. They chose to complain, and they asked Moses (Exodus 15:24) *"What shall we drink?"* God had mercy, however, (even though they had complained in a spirit of unbelief) and He supplied their need of food for forty years (and even their shoes and clothing did not wear out.)

(In an opposite example of Abraham) (Romans 4:20-21) he *"did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, being fully persuaded [absolutely certain] that God had power to do what he had promised."* (He *would* have sacrificed his son Isaac (rather than disobey God, because God does not allow any *idol* in our life. There was *no doubt* in Abraham's heart that God would do what He promised (Gene.15:4)(and that was "*You will have a son of your own."*

God quenched the violence of fire, when the Hebrews trusted Him in faith; the mouths of lions stayed closed, when Daniel believed and trusted on the living God of the Bible. All these manifestations of God's power came about via burning the 'bridge of retreat'. Even if it cost them their lives, or everything they possessed, they would not swerve an inch away from what they *knew* to be God's will. *That* is the kind of unfaltering faith and confidence God wants to put

in place within our heart, if *we* will surrender our life to Him.

As a sincere 'child of the Father' with no doubt in our heart and mind, we have a right to ask Him in Jesus' Name for everything needed (also for Scriptural desires); that would include enough finances for whatever we need (Phil.4:19); and, an inner peace in mind and heart, because of the stripes laid on Jesus' back (Isaiah 53:5); Divine protection because of His promise (Psalm 91); spiritual guidance by His promised gift of the Holy Spirit and wisdom (James 1:5). And Divine healing through faith in the 'Name of Jesus' (Acts 3:16); (and anything else that God has promised).

Many people today (professed-Christians and non-Christian), have been deceived to accept *false places* of trust, and to depend on medical help for health and healing, instead of trusting on the shed Blood of Christ (Acts 3:16). Millions of people own real estate or houses, which are financial assets on which to depend in direct opposition to what Jesus *instructed* (Matt.6:19) *"Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth."*

Millions of self-proclaimed believers depend *on* insurance coverage for financial protection, when they should be heeding God's Word to trust *on* Him in faith. (Phil.4:6) *"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."* Millions of people depend on taking legal action to avenge wrongs done against thesm, .but God has clearly stated to all who will listen and turn those wrongs over to Him, (Romans 12:19) *"Vengeance is mine; I will repay."* (sayeth the Lord).

There are so many *false places* of trust being depended on today, such as pills, prescriptions, surgical procedures, physical and psychological therapy, and a medical insurance on which one *could* be tempted to trust; but Jesus spoke very clear and definite about the consequences for not keeping our trust *on Him*. (Matt.18:3) *"Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven."*

Any false place of trust for the healing of our body, would be against the Divine will of God, because *He* has promised to heal us, if *we* will trust Him in faith. "And there He tested them" (Exodus 15:26 and said), *"If you diligently heed the voice of the LORD your God and do what is right in His sight, give ear to His commandments and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have brought on the Egyptians. For I am the LORD who heals you."*

The Bible recorded the incident of an unbelieving king who called for a doctor and died in his sins (2 Chron.16); also of the woman who *"suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse"* (Mark 5:26), but when she 'touched the hem of the Lord's garment in faith, she was immediately healed and made a child of God. She did not waver in heart, but, was (Rom.4:21) *"fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised."*

The 'medical question' must be settled in our heart once and for all, because God was the Healer of every saved person in the Bible from Genesis to Revelation. They did not have a doctor, nor did they take a dose of medicine (all through those chapters) and God never failed them when their faith and trust was on Him. They did not doubt in their mind or heart, nor allow their *faith to falter!*

It is faith on the precious Blood of Christ, that enables us to be dead to sin, and free of trouble, sickness, oppression, and every evil thing. Also, for one being able to live God's Truth by faith in that Blood of God's Son (freed from poverty, trouble, and oppression). That is where Jesus' Blood places us, and, if we truly *believe* for it, then it will become a *reality*. Our faith does not *make* it real; because it is already real, whether we believe it or not. Our believing just *opens the door* to God's power, that is waiting to work for us through our unwavering, unfaltering faith on God's Word and the power of Jesus' Blood, and His resurrection to life which conquered Satan forever.

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