

# ***Do You Have A Great Faith?***

*Matt. 8:5-13*

## ***Introduction***

- The importance of faith emphasized greatly in the New Testament:
  - Described → Heb. 11:1
  - Necessity → Heb. 11:6
  - Produced By → Rom. 10:17; Acts 18:8
  - Based on Evidence → Ps. 19:1; I Cor. 15:1-3
- Various degrees/kinds of faith described:
  - Little → Matt. 6:30
  - Weak → Rom. 14:1
  - Demonic → Js. 2:19
  - Faith that fails to confess → Jn. 12:42-43
  - Faith that fails to work → Js. 2:17-26

## ***I. A Great Faith Is Characterized By Humility***

- “I am not worthy” (Matt. 8:8; 15:27; Lk. 18:13; Rom. 5:6-8)
- Understands and submits to authority. (Matt. 8:9; Lk. 6:46; Matt. 7:21)
- Recognizes dependence on God. (Matt. 15:22; 8:6)
  - We need God’s word.
  - We need God’s mercy.
  - We need God’s forgiveness.

## ***II. A Great Faith Is Characterized By Trust In The Power of God***

- A great faith knows what God has done (Jer. 32:17; Ex. 20:11-12; Gen. 17:1) and what he has the power to do. (Eph. 1:15-2:6)
- God’s power manifest in creation, flood, Egyptian deliverance, the Red Sea, The Resurrection of Jesus from the dead.
- Lack of faith in the power of God leads to spiritual failure and demise. (Num. 13:31-14:4; 29-30)
- To have a strong faith must know the wonderful works of God. (Dt. 6:6-7; Judges 2:10-13)

## ***III. A Great Faith Is Characterized By Trust In The Word of God***

- Faith in its origin. (II Tim. 3:16-17; II Pet. 1:21)
- Faith in the gospel. (Rom. 1:16-17)
  - Facts: Life, death, burial, resurrection, ascension and coronation of Jesus Christ.
  - Commands: Belief, Repentance, Confession, Baptism
  - Promises: Forgiveness of sins; Hope of heaven.
- Faith in its power. (I Cor. 1:18; Acts 20:32)
- Faith that it will be the standard of judgment. (Jn. 12:48)