

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)