

Faith

Faith - the currency or legal tender of God

You cannot walk into Safeway with a bag of car parts and expect they will accept them on trade for a chicken and some potatoes. The only thing that pleases Safeway is cash. Well I guess they will take your Visa or your debit card as well. The point is, before you approach Safeway, you need to be sure you are in possession of the legal tender they accept. What does legal tender mean? Legal tender is a medium of payment recognized by a legal system to be valid for meeting a financial obligation.

The only currency or legal tender that is accepted in the kingdom of God is faith, He will accept no other. Pleading, negotiating, explaining how great the need is, or making promises to get God to solve your problem are simply not the currency accepted in the Spirit. Faith is! It is impossible to please God without faith.

Hebrews 11:6 (KJV) But without faith [it is] impossible to please [him]: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and [that] he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. So, from this scripture we begin to see just how important faith is and why we need to understand it.

Understanding

It's not enough to read or to quote out loud what the Bible says, or even to memorize scriptures, you need to understand it. It's like if I gave you all the components of a desktop computer; a case and power supply, a hard drive, a CPU, RAM, a video card, a keyboard, a mouse etc. and said here is what you need to build a computer. Unless you understand how a computer works and how all the parts go together, you will never be able to build a computer and have it work for you. The same is true of faith. The Bible says in:

Proverbs 4:7 (KJV) Wisdom [is] the principal thing; [therefore] get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.

You have to get understanding and that means you have to study faith and understand how it works.

Understanding means to separate mentally or to have the knowledge of how it works and how each part plays a significant role.

You are about to discover the importance of faith, its power, its place in us and the world around us, and its eternal purpose. How does it work, why does it work and what part of God is faith. **1 Corinthians 13:13** tells us that faith is eternal. It is present in the world now, but is and also will be present in heaven, actually faith originated in heaven before it came here.

What is Faith

The Bible is very clear that the just shall live by faith. If you are to live by faith, you need to know what faith is.

Romans 1:17 (KJV) For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

Your natural man is accustomed to living according to what he sees and hears in the visible world. However, you are no longer a natural man, you have been recreated supernatural. The life principle supernatural men live by is faith.

Hebrews 11:1 (KJV) ¶ Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Faith is a divine substance, divinely imparted and it is eternal. God gives us a measure of faith.

Romans 12:3 (KJV) . . . according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

Faith is confidence, knowing that even though you cannot see something with your natural eyes, it is still yours and you are in possession of it now, not some time in the future, but now. As you uncover the secrets of God concerning faith, you will soar to new dimensions. Faith wants to take you "where no man has gone before". In Hebrews 11 it says:

Hebrews 11:3 (KJV) Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

The God who came from nowhere, spoke into nothing and everything that is visible to you now appeared. Everything that is in the visible world came from the invisible world. The reason God did it the way He did was to demonstrate that the unseen realm is more real than the visible. The visible world is temporal and can be changed, but the unseen world cannot be changed, because it is eternal.

The first thing we see from Hebrews 11:1 is that faith is now, not in the future. Faith sees those things that are not seen, as though they already exist in the visible world. Faith is the substance maker that takes things from the unseen world and makes them evident in the visible world. Faith has the authority and the power to reach into the unseen world and bring evidences of that world into the visible realm. Evidence means; certainty, proof and it means conviction. Faith is the proof, the certainty and the conviction that the unseen world is a reality.

The second thing we see from Hebrews 11:1, is that faith has substance and it works in conjunction with hope. Hope works like the mold when you are making Jello. You mix up the Jello crystals with water and pour the mixture into a mold and put it in the fridge to turn the liquid to a gel. Once it has set, the Jello takes the shape of the mold. Hope works the same way. You create hope, or a mold with the Word of God. When your faith is set, it produces substance and evidence that matches the mold.

We saw earlier from Romans 12:3, that we have been given a measure of faith. When you invited Jesus into your heart, the change that took place, took place in your spirit, not in your soul or in your body and that is where faith lives. Faith is a divine substance, divinely imparted. In Galatians 5 we see that faith is also a part of the fruit of God's Spirit in you.

Galatians 5:22-23 (KJV) But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, **23** Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

The one thing we know about fruit is that it grows. Yes, you can grow your faith! How? By becoming a student of the Word!

Romans 10:17 (KJV) So then faith [cometh] by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

As you read in Romans 12:3, you have been given a measure of faith, now use the Word to grow or mature the fruit that has been divinely imparted to you.

In Hebrews 11:1, you read that; "faith is the evidence of things not seen." The Word of God is the source of all evidence. Yes, faith is a divine substance, divinely imparted, a piece of God's heart, broken off and given to you in love, but you steward that gift and help it grow in you. It is a heavenly substance, through which all things grow. It is the ability to see into the spiritual realm and act on it with certainty.

The more of the Word you know, the more your faith can grow

God gave you faith. It is eternal, comes from the invisible realm and it is the only principle, the only substance that allows you to operate between the eternal world and the temporal world. You live in the visible world, but by faith, you can navigate the invisible realm and bring things out of the eternal world into the temporal world.

Faith is evidence collected from the invisible world and builds a case proving the realities of that world, until you are convinced that the invisible controls the visible. In our courtrooms today, evidence is gathered to build a case, or create a picture of events that took place, so that people who were not present clearly see what did take place. In the same way, when the evidence you have collected has convinced you that it is already yours and you see it in the unseen realm, that is faith, and now that faith can bring it from the eternal into the temporal.

The Woman with the Issue of Blood

Matthew 9:20 (KJV) And, behold, a woman, which was diseased with an issue of blood twelve years, came behind [*him*], and touched the hem of his garment:

21 For she said within herself, If I may but touch his garment, I shall be whole.

The woman with the issue of blood, must have heard stories about other people being healed and that Jesus had the power to heal. The evidence she gathered created a picture on the inside of her. She saw herself touching the hem of his garment and being healed. She was convinced by the evidence and said within herself; "If I could just touch the hem of His garment, I will be healed." She acted on what she saw and her faith brought her healing from the eternal realm into the temporal. Jesus said to her; "Daughter your faith has made you whole."

Faith Heroes of the Bible

I have heard Hebrews 11 referred to as God's Hall of Fame' or 'Faith's Hall of Fame'. However, halls of fame exist not to inspire you to imitate the greatness of others, but rather to remind you of someone else's greatness and how only a few elites can ever reach such status. Even in my prime I could never be the hockey player that Wayne Gretzky was, nor do his accomplishments inspire me to do so. Hebrews 11 exists, not as a hall of fame, but to show you that ordinary people, born again by the power of God, can do great exploits in the kingdom of God by faith. In fact Jesus said;

John 14:12 (TPT) I tell you this timeless truth: The person who follows me in faith, believing in me, will do the same mighty miracles that I do—even greater miracles than these because I go to be with my Father!

The '*by faith*' statements repeated in Hebrews 11 are not there to show off the Bible's Stanley Cup winners, but to inspire you and encourage you to exercise your faith and do exploits for God's glory. All of the great accomplishments outlined in the stories of Hebrews 11 have one thing in common - ordinary people did extraordinary things by faith.

Hebrews 11:2 (KJV) For by it the elders obtained a good report.

Everyone mentioned in Hebrews 11 pleased God and obtained a good report card because they chose to live by faith and not by their senses. The men of old stand on record today because of their faith and not because they had some special talent or ability. No one who chooses to live by faith is excluded from living a supernatural life.

The Unseen Runs on Faith

To work alongside Jesus and have your life flow out of the Spirit of God that is in you, you must do it His way. Faith is the highway to success in Christ's world. It is the currency of heaven and is used to change the things that are here in the visible, the seen world. Everything you taste, touch, smell, feel and see, is here because of faith. The world was spoken into existence, and faith created it as God spoke it.

Romans 4:17 (KJV) ¶ (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, [*even*] God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.

Inventory

What have you learned about faith so far?

- Faith is now, not in the future.
- the substance maker of things you hope for.
- Faith makes you certain of realities you cannot see.
- Faith has the ability to cross the line between the unseen world and the seen world.
- Faith has the ability and authority to take hold of things in the unseen world and bring them into the seen world.
- Faith is a divine substance divinely imparted to you.

Through faith you discover evidence of the unseen world and use it here to change your world.

How Do We Get Faith

The God who created everything we see out of nothing, has given you a measure of His creative power and ability, FAITH. Faith is your servant assigned to bring the eternal realm to your disposal.

Romans 12:3 (KJV) . . . according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

Hebrews 12:2 (KJV) Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of [our] faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

When God spoke the worlds into existence, He did so by faith knowing that He had the power to create something out of nothing. Do you think as he spoke he said to himself; "I hope this works, I hope I have enough power to do this?" NO! NO! NO!

God Used His Faith

Before the world began and before God created it, He knew and He planned.

Isaiah 40:12 (KJV) ¶ Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance?

He saw it, He planned it, He created a mold and He knew when He commanded it to happen, it would happen just as He envisioned it and not sometime in the future, but right now! Before God started He saw the end. Faith is to know and act on the reality that God has revealed to men.

Deuteronomy 29:29 says, The secret things belong unto the Lord our God. But those things which are revealed belong to us and to our children forever. That we may do all that is written."

This verse tells you that God has given you license to do all the things that are revealed, that have been written in His book. He has actually taken a part of Himself and given it to you so you can attain or achieve anything that has been revealed, as already belonging to you. As you read in Hebrews 11:6, it is impossible to please God without faith, but since He has given you His faith, you have to presume He expects you to use that faith to attain all of the things that

are revealed. For example, it is revealed in many places that healing belongs to us. Here are some examples:

Exodus 15:26 (KJV) And said, . . . : for I [am] the LORD that healeth thee.

Psalms 103:3 (KJV) Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;

Isaiah 53:5 (KJV) But he [was] wounded for our transgressions, [he was] bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace [was] upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

Matthew 8:17 (KJV) That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare [our] sicknesses.

So, He has made it quite clear that healing is available to you and you appropriate it by faith.

How Does Faith Work?

Faith is action and to put it into action, you need to know how it works. The born-again Spirit is propelled by love. God is love and when He came inside you, love came inside you.

Galatians 5:6 (KJV) For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love.

Power of Attorney

When God created man he made him to have authority over all that God had Created. In Genesis 1:26 we read:

Genesis 1:26 (KJV) ¶ we read; "And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth."

Man has been given authority over all that God created.

Genesis 1:28 (KJV) And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

What He said was "I Give this world to you, separated for your use." The word subdue means to bring into order, to pastor, to rule or regulate, judge, have dominion over, examine, rule, reign over. God gave man "The Power of Attorney". It is also interesting to note that the word blessed is the Hebrew word *barak*. Although it has several meanings, the first one on the list is kneel. Can you see almighty God kneeling before His creation and commissioning them to rule over His world and asking them to make eternal beings for Him. In the New Testament, on the night of His betrayal, Jesus wrapped a towel around His waist, knelt down before His disciples, the ones He had sent to be fishers of men, and He washed their feet.

Power of Attorney

The power of attorney is a business term used in nearly every nation. It is a legal term used for business agreements and actions: It is written authorization to represent, or to act on another's behalf in private affairs, business affairs, or some other legal matter. The one authorizing the agent to act on their behalf is the principal, the grantor, or donor of power. The one authorized to act on the donor's behalf is the agent.

The agent must act on behalf of the donor as his representative, acting just as the donor would act in principal, in spirit and intent. This is a serious responsibility as you, in effect, step into the principal's shoes to manage his property and finances. You do not have authority over the principal; instead, you act for the principal according to the principal's wishes and otherwise in the principal's best interest. All steps you take must be consistent with your role as a "fiduciary."

What Does it Mean to Be a Fiduciary?

A fiduciary is held to the highest standards of good faith, fair dealing, and undivided loyalty to the principal. As the agent, you must always act in the principal's best interest and consistent with the principal's goals and wishes. You must also act only within the scope of authority granted in the power of attorney.

Adam Was God's Agent

If the agent acts independent of these criteria, he is deemed personally responsible for such actions and/or negotiations, and becomes the debtor to those actions. Adam acted outside his God given authority when the devil tricked him into believing a lie. The consequences of Adam being tricked, was that the devil usurped his authority and death entered the world.

Because death entered the world, we inherited a sin conscientiousness, judgement, and all the effects death brought with it. However, God did not change His mind or His plan; man has the power of attorney and is still the foreman and caretaker of the Earth.

Genesis 1:26 (KJV) ¶ says; And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

In **Genesis 3:15 (KJV)** And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

God did not remove Adam's authority on the earth. There were consequences for his sin, but his authority remained intact. As a result of the fall there are new rules of engagement. Genesis Man now has to work, by the sweat of his brow, etc. (Genesis 3:15 – 19). We are still in control, by God's word and authority. God now had to execute a way to deal with the devil, the usurper and provide a way out from being ruled by him.

The Seduction

In Genesis 3, the devil questioned the words God spoke, cast doubt about His character and gave Adam and Eve an alternative; "You can be just like God." In verse 3. "God does not love you or have your best interest at heart, He is withholding something from you. He's really deceiving you to not look into this deal of good and evil, right and wrong because when you do you will be just like Him." "He says one thing, but means another." This is the process of seduction.

They could never be jealous of what God had because He had given all that He had to them. However, they could be tempted to be jealous of who God is. Every breath they took, everything they ate and everything around them came from Him. They were totally dependent on Him for everything. The devil told them they could be like Him, self-directed and self-sufficient. In verse 6. They saw the fruit was desirable to make one wise, to open one's eyes. The devil convinced them that when they ate, their eyes would be open and they would be just like God. Instead, when they ate the fruit they suddenly they knew they were naked. God was right, when they ate the fruit they died. God had designed them to walk and live comfortably in two worlds, the world of the Spirit and the natural world. To die means to become unaware and unresponsive. They did not die physically, but they died to the Spirit world and became unaware and unresponsive to it. They were now naked and afraid. Their sin

was not that they ate the forbidden fruit, their sin was that they wanted to be God and be self-directed and self-sufficient, much like many people today. They became aware only of their flesh; they sewed fig leaves together trying to cover themselves. However, that was not enough to cover them because without the shedding of blood sins are not covered, according to Hebrews 9:22 without the shedding of blood.

Hebrews 9:22 (KJV) And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission,

So, either their blood or the blood of a substitute, an animal, was required and the skins of the animals meant they were legally covered. My guess is the animal God chose to cover them was a lamb. They heard His voice; they became afraid, hid, blamed, excused and this pattern is the result of sinning and is still predominant in our own lives today. The seduction today is the same as it was in Adam's day, the devil only offers you what is already yours. Adam and Eve were created in God's own image and likeness, they already possessed everything they needed. When Christ was tempted, the devil offered Him what already belonged to Christ. (read Matthew 4:1-11).

The Authority of the Word!

The Word of God is eternal and is the authority in heaven and on Earth. As God's agents His will and the way He wants things done can be found in His word. As authorized agents, we follow the book.

Hebrews 2:6-9 (KJV) But one in a certain place testified, saying, What is man, that thou art mindful of him? Or the son of man, that thou visitest him?

7 Thou madest him a little lower than the angels; thou crownedst him with glory and honour, and didst set him over the works of thy hands:

8 Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that he put all in subjection under him, he left nothing [*that is*] not put under him. But now we see not yet all things put under him.

All power and authority belong to God and He distributes it through his word. We are the agents of His power delegated by God as his representatives.

If you can see this and acknowledge that it is true, it is evidence of your faith and that God has given you authority. You can now boldly say; "I have authority on the earth because God has given it to me!"

Faith - Two Processes

There are two processes that can be used to grow your faith. One is educational, the other is experiential. Both are necessary for you to see and practice and both are evident in the life of Abraham, the father of our faith.

Educational

We read in Genesis 12:1 that God spoke to Abraham.

Genesis 12:1 “And God had spoken to Abram...”

When did God speak to him? It was never mentioned before this verse that God spoke to him. In those days, because there was no written language, the custom of record was the repetitive reciting of history; story by story, word for word and committed to memory. Each generation made sure the following generation could recite all the pertinent information of their society.

Some believe that Enoch was the father of the Hebrew Script. We do not have evidence as yet to confirm that, except in Jude—the writings of Enoch are quoted.

Jude 1:14 “It was to them that Enoch, the seventh in descent from Adam, directed his prophecy when he said, ‘I saw the Lord come with His myriads of angels, to bring all men to judgment.’”

Verbal communication, or oral tradition was how they shared who they were, their ancestry, their origins and stories and information that was important. Oral tradition was an important process for people groups to process the future. Personal and tribal identity is found in what happened in the past, and its influence in our lives today.

Adam, the first man, and son of God lived in both worlds: The world before the fall and the world after the fall. He passed on his remembrances of these events to the generations to follow. Event by event, word for word, he would know the importance of telling accurately and totally what happened so the next generations would have a record. Abraham would have heard and memorized the history and internalized that information and it helped process his future.

Adam recorded everything that transpired in the garden. How Satan tricked Eve, his own act of disobedience and also God's intervention and prophesy. God was the first to prophesy in the world - and will also be the last to prophesy at the close of life.

Look at the words written in Genesis 3. They paint a picture. What is the picture for? So we can see, and in part it is evidence of what happen, described in such a way that we see clearly what is invisible, it really happened. Words and evidence recreate an incident so we know what happened. From the beginning words created pictures and continue to do so throughout the scriptures.

Summary

Adam was the first man to see death. He became unaware and unresponsive to the eternal realm even though he was still alive in the physical. Your cat lives in a human world, is aware of your provision, even interacts with you on some levels. However, he is unaware and unresponsive to human life. That is, he does not discuss his existence with other cats, he sees humans kiss, but has no grid for the love and relationship shared by two humans, he doesn't get humor in the punch line when you tell him a joke. Adam died! I think that originally Adam looked like Jesus on the mount of transfiguration. (read Mark 9:2-9) After his sin, he died spiritually and was left naked.

He was also the first man to see an animal killed. Because Adam sinned, he knew he was naked and needed to hide from God. God covered him and his wife with the skins of an animal and the consequences of what he had done began to set in. Through his actions he brought sin and death into a perfect world. Although the Bible does not give us details, we see from the evidence that blood was shed as God cut a covenant with man. God prophesied in Genesis 3:15.

Genesis 3:15 (KJV) And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

God promised a seed was coming that would bruise Satan's head and the covenant was cut around that promise. The two most important aspects of the covenant are God's word that was spoken and the blood that was shed.

Adam meticulously taught his sons of his life in the garden and the events that transpired after his fall. His sons then taught their sons which started a tradition of recording history from generation to generation. People groups around the world still use this practice to record their history. The Bible very clearly outlines the path in which the word was recorded.

Abraham understood the covenant because the knowledge of it was taught and passed down from generation to generation. Adam, Enoch, and Methuselah were also on the earth together, at the same time. Noah and Abram lived 58 years together on the earth. Adam and Methuselah would have talked; Methuselah and Noah were also on the earth at the same time. So, Abram knew very well the promises that had been made in the garden and that God was a covenant making covenant keeping God.

God came to Abram to reestablish the covenant and the promises that were made in the garden. For Abram to get into a place where God could begin to deal with him in a new way, He had to get Abram to leave behind his old life and familiar surroundings and come to a new place. We read in Genesis 12:1:

Genesis 12:1 (KJV) ¶ God said to Abram; "Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: Abram heard the Lord and obeyed.

So, to this point Abram was relying on what he knew, the educational part of faith. He was taught by Adam, Methuselah and Noah, but now God was preparing him to apply what he knew to his experience.

Experiential

The second process of faith is experiential. The language of the Holy Spirit is dreams and visions. Education gives us the framework of what we believe as well as a description of the experiences of others. Now we begin to collect first hand experiences for ourselves within that framework and faith is imparted. Each experience helps to deepen your faith and trust in God. Education creates faith and experiences imparts faith. We can conclude from this that faith is a divine substance, divinely imparted, the word of the Lord imparted into flesh.

Faith Allows Us to Operate in Two Worlds

Jesus came to give us back the ability to live comfortably in two worlds again, but also to bring us the power of a resurrected life. Because we are created in His image and our real home is in the eternal realm, we operate the same way He does. If we need healing in this realm, we need to use our faith to bring it from the eternal into the temporal. We use the word to create a mold, or to create a picture of what healing looks like and we release faith to bring healing from out of the eternal, into the temporal realm. We should not be surprised when we receive our healing. Everything that we need from the eternal or the invisible world must come into the visible world by faith. The invisible world is actually more real than the visible world. The

visible world is temporal meaning it is subject to change, but the invisible world remains stable and unchangeable, it is eternal. To change the temporal, we need to be certain and convinced that the other world exists and it can be brought into this present realm by faith.

The universe operates on faith and only faith. Hearing the word of God is the key to faith. Adam heard the voice of God, the prophecies that God spoke and he explained it to Enoch. Adam rehearsed over and over the prophecies, the experiences he had with God in the garden. The beauty of the garden, all the animals, tree of the knowledge of good and evil, God coming and visiting him in the cool of the day. Over and over again Adam painted a picture of what life was like before the fall. Enoch got it! He understood that man was created in God's own image, that he was eternal and that God created man to share in His life. We read in Genesis 5:24:

Genesis 5:24 (KJV) Enoch walked with God: and he [*was*] not; for God took him.

Enoch was convinced of the unseen realm and knew that's where he belonged. He walked with God and in the Hebrew, it means he flowed with God and eventually flowed right into the other realm. Enoch lived 365 years and constantly meditated on the pictures painted by Adam until it became his story and his pictures. He began to see that although people all around him experienced death, the end of the prophecy had to be crushing the head of the devil. Enoch saw the ultimate proof, the resurrection of the dead. He understood that we are eternal and death had to be conquered completely. Adam's stories created a framework for Enoch's faith, but meditation on the words and the prophecy deepened his faith because faith creates more faith. His faith took him right into heaven bypassing temporal life and life and death.

Prior to his sin, Adam was very comfortable walking between the two worlds, the temporal and the eternal. While he was walking around tending the garden, God would come and visit him. However, because he acted against the word of God, Adam was excluded from the eternal and could no longer operate in both the visible and invisible worlds. He was locked into the visible, the temporal. It was actually God's mercy that expelled man from the garden. If he would have eaten from the tree of life, man would have died in his sin, separated from God for all of eternity.

Man is eternal, made in the image of God and it is crucial that we see ourselves as eternal beings carrying eternity in our hearts. When man fell, God began immediately to implement the process of reconciliation. Reconciliation was always part of God's plan. While Adam and Eve were still in the garden, God killed an animal, shed blood on their behalf and covered

them with the skins of that animal. He explained to Adam and Eve that the seed that was coming, the Lamb of God, would crush Satan's head and redeem man by His blood.

As we switch now to the life of Abraham, we see that he understood three important things; God raises the dead, calls those things that be not as though they were and has the power to perform what He has spoken. Abraham came to the same conclusion as Enoch that God raises the dead.

Romans 4:17 (KJV) ¶ (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, [*even*] God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.

The end result of crushing Satan's head has to be resurrection from dead. Because God lives in the eternal, it is more real for Him to speak from the unseen world where things do exist that do not exist here. When God calls those things that be not as though they are, He is speaking from the eternal where it is already done and brings it into the temporal. Knowing that the unseen controls the seen and God's word actually controls the seen or temporal world. Everything that is seen comes out from the invisible and exists because God said it exists.

How Does Faith Work?

We know where faith comes from; the word of God paints a picture of the unseen world and we accept it and that it is more real than what we see with our natural eyes. That is what it means to believe in your heart.

Romans 10:9 – 10 (KJV) That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. **10** For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

2 Corinthians 4:13 (KJV) We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak;

Faith has to be exercised, it has to be activated and released to be effective. The principle is believe in your heart and confess with your mouth.

Mark 11:22 (KJV) And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God. In the Greek it reads have the faith of God or have the God kind of faith.

We see from creation in Genesis 1, that God spoke what He had envisioned and the words and the faith He had in those words created everything we see in the temporal world.

Mark 11:23 - 24 (KJV) 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.

24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive [*them*], and ye shall have [*them*].

We already have it, whatever it is we are praying for, before we even pray. Healing for example. In 1 Peter 2:24 it says:

1 Peter says **2:24 (KJV)** says . . . by whose stripes ye were healed.

Can you see that healing is already yours? The stripes on Jesus' back, created by the terrible whipping He took, already bought your healing. Now command it to come from the eternal realm into the temporal!

Nothing is Impossible

Nothing is impossible to us when we believe. Faith sees with certainty what already exists in the eternal realm and when we speak faith demands that what we speak comes out of the eternal realm and into the temporal realm and we see it with our natural eyes. The visible comes out of the invisible.

Jesus Opened Up a New Whole New World

Jesus who is love, doesn't have or possess love, He is love and He is the mystery of God and He has mysteriously taken up residence in us. In so doing, He has opened up a whole new world for us which was totally foreign to us. A world where selfishness, pride, greed, envy, violence, and hatred do not rule but are swallowed up by His almighty love for us.

Just like when Michael Faraday, Nikola Tesla, Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Edison discovered the principles of electricity. When they did, it opened up a whole new world and changed the way we live in this world forever.

Jesus went to the bottom of death and hell and came out of it in resurrection power, bringing us with Him; in Him we are a totally new humankind, alive to a whole new world in which **all things are possible** and potential.

We have been joined to Him and are reborn, part of that new race, and alive with eternal, resurrection life and participate in His almighty love.

Abraham Got It

If we look at Abraham's example, God told him he would be the father of many nations and Abraham believed what God had said and began to confess that he was the father of many nations before he even had a son!

The Centurion Got It

In Matthew the centurion came to Jesus and in Matthew 8:8-13 in the Passion Translation it reads:

Matthew 8:8 -13 (Passion) ⁸⁻⁹The Roman Officer interjected, "Lord, who am I to have you come into my house? I understand your authority, for I too am a man who walks under authority and have authority over soldiers who serve under me. I can tell one to go and he'll go, and another to come and he'll come. I order my servants and they do whatever I ask. So I know all you need to do is stand here and command healing over my son and he will be instantly healed."

¹⁰Jesus was astonished when he heard this and said to those following Him, "He has greater faith than anyone I've encountered in Israel. ¹¹Listen to what I am about to tell you. Multitudes of non-Jewish people will stream from the east and the west, to enter into the banqueting feast with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the heavenly kingdom. ¹²But many Israelites, born to be heirs of the kingdom, will be turned away and banished into the darkness where there will be bitter weeping and unbearable anguish. ¹³Then Jesus turned to the Roman Officer and said, "Go home. All that you have believed for will be done for you." And his son was healed from that very moment.

The Principle

The principle we are getting to is that the God kind of faith is released by speaking. We are the only creatures on the planet capable of speaking God's word and we can change and create the world around us by speaking.

The centurion, as a man of authority, understood that Jesus was a man of authority and so it was not necessary for Jesus to come to his house. Just as the centurion tells a man to go and he goes, so he knew all Jesus needed to do was speak and his servant would be made well. Faith is the authority on the Earth and is activated by speaking. Faith is our servant and goes to work when we speak.

Faith is also released by action, by what you do and how you act. You must act purposefully and deliberately.

Matthew 9:20 -21 (KJV) says And, behold, a woman, which was diseased with an issue of blood twelve years, came behind [*him*], and touched the hem of his garment:

21 For she said within herself, If I may but touch his garment, I shall be whole.

She had heard from others that Jesus had the power over sickness and disease and she began to see herself touching the hem of his garment knowing that if she could just touch him, she would be healed. Her faith was actually in the action and sometimes faith may require us to do something for the results to manifest.

Summary

We have defined faith, described how it works and that our faith, has a solid foundation for our lives and is built upon covenant. Covenant is a constant theme that runs throughout the Old and New Testament. We now need to focus on the covenant that has God made.