

Do Not Have Faith In Faith

Is there a possibility of having faith in faith? I believe there is to the actual exclusion of seeing Jesus!

A large focus has been placed upon faith. Faith is preached. Faith is lifted up. Faith is sought after as noted in Romans 10:17, "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. Romans 12:3 states, "[A]ccording as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith." We see in Hebrews 11:6, "Without faith it impossible to please him." People just look for faith and Jesus said in Luke 17:6, "If ye had faith as a grain of mustard, ye would have said to this Sycamine, be uprooted, and be planted in the sea, and it would have obeyed you."

There are little and great levels of faith; little and great. Examples of statement of little faith are found in the following passages: Matthew 6:30 states, "O ye of little faith . . ." Matthew 8:86 says, "O ye of little faith?" Matthew 16:8 says, "O ye of little faith." Luke 12:28 says, ". . . [Y]e of little faith." Example of the recognition of great faith is where Jesus said in Matthew 8:10, "And Jesus having heard, did wonder, and said to those following, "Verily I say to you, not even in Israel so great faith have I found."

I heard a respected faith teacher tell a large gathering of people the reason more people do not get healed is because of imperfect faith. This writer is not one to ridicule the speaker about imperfect faith. I am interested, though, in how the words were received by the hearers. Did it cause them to reflect upon their status and wonder whether their faith was imperfect? If it was/is imperfect how would they go about getting perfect or perfected faith? Is there something they should do? How about getting more into the Word of God? The scripture does say faith comes by hearing a hearing by the Word of God; so, maybe or perhaps the hearer, because they would like to have perfect faith, begin spending more time in the Word in order to secure more faith and then their prayers would be answered; however, is there a possibility what they did might not render the results they expected? The question arises, what were they looking for and how would they know if their faith were increased?

The believer may spend more time trying to get an increase in faith, which is much like working very hard at a job hoping they will get a raise, an increase in wages. While working hard at a job is important and, hopefully, will result in a raise in income, it is not the same with faith. We do not work to get faith. God has given us the measure of faith to get us started. Our pump is primed, so-to-speak, for us to use it. Faith, I have heard, increases where the will of God is known, but let's look at faith a different and more correct way. God has given us faith so we may see Him.

We see Jesus through the eye of faith. We see Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith. We see Jesus through the scripture in Matthew 8:17, "That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses." The Lord has given us faith to see God the Father through Jesus. Sicknesses, diseases, and infirmities flee when we look upon Jesus.

Numbers 21:8 states, “Numbers 21:8 (KJV) And the LORD said unto Moses, make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole: and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live. Young’s Literal Translation (YLT) says more positively, “And Jehovah saith unto Moses, `Make for thee a burning [serpent], and set it on an ensign; and it hath been, everyone who is bitten and hath seen it -- he hath lived.” The foregoing is a shadow and type of Jesus. In Galatians 3:13 we read, “Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, as it is written, cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree.”

We look upon Jesus for Healing, not upon how much faith we have in our arsenal. The act of looking is an expression of faith! We look upon Jesus who gave us His word to use over all the works of the enemy; to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease and the Holy Spirit is the power behind the use of faith in those instances and situations, but we look upon Jesus and keep His face before us. Certainly not physically, but in our spirits do we see Him.

We must not have faith in our faith and not look to any faith we have, but look only to Jesus.