

FAITH TEACHING OF JESUS 2

And when Jesus departed thence two blind men came to him; and Jesus saith unto them, believe ye that I am able to do this? They said unto Him yea Lord.

Then He touched their eyes, saying 'according to your faith be it unto you'.

And their eyes were opened, and Jesus straitly charged them saying, see that no man know it. Matt.9:27-30

Jesus taught us here two principal things, firstly that God requires faith in order to work in our lives.

“Without faith it is impossible to please God, for he that cometh to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of them that seek him”. Heb.11:6

Many people come to God out of hopelessness, desperation, and or curiosity etc, but if you come to God, come believing, come on the basis of what you know of God from His word, that's the way to come; but see here something else, Jesus also said good or bad whatever you get is up to you, that's what He meant when He said 'it is done to you according to your faith'.

It will surprise you to know how many people use their God given capacity to believe to work against themselves, they believe lies and evil reports. They confess doubt, fear and unbelief and then they wonder why nothing good ever seems to happen to them, fear is faith in reverse, one day the Lord said to me 'Son, by the words you speak you give me or the devil the opportunity to work in your life', you know the words we speak are the product of our thoughts, that is of what we really believe, so the words we speak are really our faith in action or expression.

God will work in your life on the basis of your faith, if you fill your heart with God's word and let it dominate your thinking, it will find a way out of your mouth, it will bring God onto the scene of your life.

Faith works by saying, speaking words that are in alignment with what you believe, based on God's word, Jesus implies here that once you have a firm persuasion in your spirit of what you believe, you must maintain a consistent confession of this irrespective of what the outward evidence may indicate.

One of the great lessons we need to learn is that we live in a world where the devil can manipulate events and circumstances, so that for as long as we have an eye on outward evidence; we will never be able to maintain a strong confession of faith.

Notice again what Jesus said, He said we must have faith in our words, my observation is that many people do not have any confidence in their own words, so they miss out on the great blessing of faith-filled words, child of God, speak words from your heart based on your

revelation of God's word then stand by those words under all circumstances, let God be true and every man be a liar. Amen.

No wonder the Apostle said:

“Let the word of Jesus dwell richly in you in all wisdom”. Col.3:16

This is what we need to do let the word of Jesus abide in us and we abide in him.

Closely related to this is what Jesus taught in Mark 11:20-26,

Jesus had just cursed a fig tree and the tree had dried up in a matter of hours; an astonished Peter brought this to the attention of Jesus, who replied.

“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”.

You can write a couple of books on this verse but Jesus is opening up to us the mighty power of faith, Jesus teaches us that faith talks, it has a voice, I have thought long and hard on this scripture, did Jesus mean what he said? If he did and he did then we need see the power and authority available to us, look at the second part of that scripture.

“Therefore I say unto you, what things so ever ye desire, when ye pray believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them” vs. 24.

Notice that verse 23 makes no reference to prayer, but verse 24 does, we are to believe that we receive what we ask for, when?, before we pray?, or after we pray?, no when we pray.

Many times we pray then start looking for an outward manifestation to see if our prayers have been answered, this is a sure way to defeat, for as long as the devil can keep us in the sense realm he will defeat us, but if we can stay in the faith realm, we will win every time.

Hindrances

Jesus taught that our faith can be hindered or made ineffective, and the primary cause of this is in the 25th and 26th verses of Mark 11.

‘And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any, that your father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.

But if you do not forgive, neither will your father, which is in heaven forgive your trespasses’.

Unforgiveness will cripple and make your faith ineffective faster than any thing else, faith works and is made operative by love, faith is of the heart and so is love, both are of the spirit, unforgiveness in the heart will destroy faith, people with longstanding seemingly incurable

conditions have been healed almost instantaneously as they repented of their unforgiveness and bitterness of heart.

Make a commitment to harbour no ill will or unforgiveness towards anyone, irrespective of what they have done; this will aid your faith walk immeasurably.

It is the will of God that you enjoy the blessings of the life of faith, it is his will that by your faith you may have access into the unparalleled riches of His grace and love, all things are yours, Jesus says, all He says is that you receive them by faith, the faith walk honors God, and brings glory to His name, endeavour this day to live the faith life, learn from the lips of Jesus the secrets of this life, pour yourself in God's word and let that word fill you, refuse to be discouraged by the set backs and failures you may experience along the way of learning the faith walk.

For if you persevere and are consistent you will enjoy the riches of faith, for you are called to live by faith, your faith will sustain you and bring you riches dividends as you walk in love. Amen.