

FAITH THE KEYS TO THE KINGDOM: EVERYTHING BEGINS WITH FAITH

Hebrews 11: 6⁶ **But without faith *it is* impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.**

Romans 10:17 ¹⁷ **So then faith *comes* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. (NO WORD OF GOD NO FAITH)**

1. What is Faith?

Hebrews 11:11 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

- Moffatt(i) ¹ Now faith means we are confident of what we hope for, convinced of what we do not see.
- Faith is giving substance to things we hope for,
- Faith is the substitute for the promise of God you are believing for,
- Faith is acting on what you believe in God's word is true and belongs to you,
- Faith is the vehicle that drives you to the promises of God,

Abraham's Faith: Romans 4: ¹⁷ (as it is written, "I have made you a father of many nations"^[d]) in the presence of Him whom he believed—God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did; ¹⁸ who, contrary to hope, in hope believed, so that he became the father of many nations, according to what was spoken, "So shall your descendants be."^[e] ¹⁹ And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰ He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, ²¹ and

being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform. ²² And therefore “it was accounted to him for righteousness.”^[f]

- Abraham had God’s promise and he acted as though it were true,

2. WHY WE HAVE CONFIDENCE IN OUR FAITH

- Faith based on two things: **Who God is and what God said,**
- We cannot separate faith from the character of God,

Hebrews 6: ¹⁸ that by two immutable things, in which it *is* impossible for God to lie,

Matthew 24: ³⁵ **Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.**

Psalms 138: 2 I will worship toward Your holy temple, And praise Your name For Your lovingkindness and Your truth; For You have magnified Your word above all Your name.

3. FAITH BEGINS WHERE THE WILL OF GOD IS KNOWN

1 John 5: ¹⁴ Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. ¹⁵ And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.

Ephesians 1: ⁷ In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace ⁸ which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence, ⁹ having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself,

- His will has been revealed to you by His Spirit

4. FAITH IS THE TITLE DEED

Ephesians 1: "In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will,

- Faith is the Title Deed to the promises of God, a Title Deed is a piece of paper that says you own it,