



DON'T

DOUBT



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Luke 12:29 KJV

29 And seek not ye what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind.

μετεωρίζω *meteōrizō*, met-eh-o-rid'-zo; from a compound of G3326 and a collateral form of G142 or perhaps rather G109 (compare "meteor"); to raise in mid-air, i.e. (figuratively) suspend (passively, fluctuate or be anxious):—be of doubtful mind.



STRONGS G3349:

SHOW ALL

μετεωρίζω: (present imperative passive 2 person plural **μετεωρίζεσθε**; (see below)); (from **μετέωρος** in mid-air, high; raised on high; metaphorically,

a. **elated with hope**, Diodorus 13, 46; **lofty, proud**, Polybius 3, 82, 2; 16, 21, 2; the Sept. *Isaiah* 5:15.

b. **wavering in mind, unsteady, doubtful, in suspense**: Polybius 21, 10, 11; Josephus, *Antiquities* 8, 8, 2; b. j. 4, 2, 5; Cicero, *ad Att.* 5, 11, 5; 15, 14; hence,

μετεωρίζω);

1. properly, **to raise on high** (as **ναῦν εἰς τό πέλαγος**, to put a ship (out to sea) up upon the deep, Latin *propellere in altum*, Philostr. v. *Revelation* 6, 12, 3 (cf.

Don't Be Double Minded

5 If any of you is lacking in wisdom, ask God, who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly, and it will be given you. 6 But ask in faith, never doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind. 7,8 For the doubter, being **double-minded** and unstable in every way, **must not expect to receive anything from the Lord.**

James 1:5-8 NRSV



FAITH

Hebrews 11:6 NRSV

6 And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would approach God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

God Doesn't Move In Unbelief

5 And **he could do no deed of power there**,
except that he laid his hands on a few sick
people and cured them. 6 And he **was amazed**
at their unbelief.

Mark 6:5-6 NRSV

2. **want of faith, unbelief**: shown in withholding belief in the divine power, Mark 16:14, or in the power and promises of God, Romans 4:20; Hebrews 3:19; in the divine mission of Jesus, Matthew 13:58; Mark 6:6; by opposition to the gospel, 1 Timothy 1:13; with the added notion of obstinacy, Romans 11:20, 23; Hebrews 3:12. contextually, **weakness of faith**: Matthew 17:20 (where L T Tr WH **ὀλιγοπιστίαν**); Mark 9:24. (In Greek writings from Hesiod and Herodotus down.)

CHAPTER 9: ASK GOD WITHOUT DOUBTING

2nd Book of Hermas

AGAIN he said unto me; **remove from thee all doubting**; and question nothing at all, when thou askest anything of the Lord; saying within thyself: how shall I be able to ask anything of the Lord and receive it, seeing I have so greatly sinned against him?

2 Do not think thus, **but turn unto the Lord with all thy heart, and ask of him without doubting, and thou shalt know the mercy of the Lord; how that he will not forsake thee, but will fulfil the request of thy soul.**

3 **For God is not as men, mindful of the injuries he has received; but he forgets injuries, and has compassion upon his creature.**

4 **Wherefore purify thy heart from all the vices of this present world; and observe the commands** I have before delivered unto thee from God; and **thou shalt receive whatsoever good things** thou shalt ask, and nothing shall be wanting unto thee of all thy petitions; if thou shalt ask of the Lord without doubting.

5 [note: Add from the Gr. both of Athanasius and Antiochus: But if thou doubttest in thy heart, thou shalt receive none of thy petitions. For those who distrust (or, doubt of) God, are like the double-minded, who shall obtain none of these things.] But they that are not such, shall obtain none of those things which they ask. **For they that are full of faith ask all things with confidence, and receive from the Lord, because they ask without doubting.** But he that doubts, shall hardly live unto God, except he repent.

6 Wherefore **purify thy heart from doubting, and put on faith,** and trust in God, and thou shalt receive all that thou shalt ask. But and if thou shouldest chance to ask somewhat and not ([note: So MS. Lamb. Tardius accipias: and so the Gr. Βραδυτερον λαμβανεις.] immediately) receive it, yet do not therefore doubt, because thou hast not presently received the petition of thy soul.

7 For it may be **thou shalt not presently receive it for thy trial, or else for some sin which thou knowest not.** But do not thou leave off to ask, [note: Asking the petition of thy soul.] and then thou shalt receive. Else if thou shalt cease to ask, **thou must complain of thyself, and not of God,** that he has not given unto thee what thou didst desire.

8 Consider therefore this **doubting**, how cruel and pernicious (harmful) it is; and how it utterly roots out many from the faith, who were very faithful and firm. **For this doubting is the daughter of the devil, and deals very wickedly with the servants of God.**

9 **Despise it therefore, and thou shalt rule over it** [note: In everything.] on every occasion. Put on a firm and powerful faith: for faith promises all things and perfects all things. ***But doubting will not believe, that it shall obtain anything, by all that it can do.***

10 Thou seest therefore, says he, how faith cometh from above, from God; and hath great power. ***But doubting is an earthly spirit, and proceedeth from the devil, and has no strength.***

11 Do thou therefore keep the virtue of faith, and ***depart from doubting***, in which is no virtue, and thou shalt live unto God. And all shall live unto God, as many as do these things.

When Is It Okay To **Doubt** or **Deny** The Power of God?

Your answer should be **NEVER!**



Cessationist

These are people who believe in Jesus but do not believe in the gifts of the Holy Spirit **for current Christians today.**

They believe that the gifts have ceased and are no longer working in the church.

Eisegeesis of Scripture

8 Love never ends. But as for **prophecies**, they will come to an end; as for **tongues**, they will cease; as for **knowledge**, it will come to an end.

1 Corinthians 13:8 NRSV

Paul says Prophecy, Tongues, & Knowledge will come to an end or cease. They use this scripture to justify their stance. All three are still here and exist. Not one Apostle or Ante-Nicene church patriarch taught that the gifts have ceased or have come to an end.

Spirit of Prophecy

10 Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, “You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers and sisters who hold the testimony of Jesus.

Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.”

Revelation 19:10 NRSV

The testimony of Jesus is the Spirit of Prophecy. How has prophecy, tongues, and knowledge ceased when we still preach and teach the testimony of Jesus which is the Spirit of prophecy?

Tongues Will Cease

9 After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. 10 They cried out in a loud voice, saying, “Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!”

Revelation 7:9-10 NRSV

When we stand before the Father & Son we will all speak in one language praising our God. This is when tongues will cease when we are with the perfect and complete God!

Don't Deny The Power of God!

5 holding to the outward form of godliness **but denying**
its power. Avoid them!

2 Timothy 3:5

Cessationist

If someone DOES NOT believe that the gifts/power of the Holy Spirit is working today for Christians then they are DENYING its power.

Example: I believe that the battery for the car had power years ago but ***I do not believe it is working today.***

This person DOES NOT believe the battery has power today. They are **denying** the power of the battery by believing it has ***ceased or come to an end.***

Sadducees & Pharisees



The **Pharisees and Sadducees came, and to test** Jesus **they asked him to show them a sign from heaven.** 2 He answered them, “When it is evening, you say, ‘It will be fair weather, for the sky is red.’ 3 And in the morning, ‘It will be stormy today, for the sky is red and threatening.’ You know how to interpret the appearance of the sky, but you cannot interpret the signs of the times. 4 **An evil and adulterous generation asks for a sign**, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah.” Then he left them and went away.

Matthew 16:1-4 NRSV

As The Spirit Wills Not Man

6 And first **try the man who hath the spirit of God**; because the spirit which is from above is humble, and quiet; and departs from all wickedness; and from the vain desires of the present world; and makes himself more humble than all men; and answers to none when he is asked; nor to every one singly: **for the Spirit of God doth not speak to a man when he will, but when God pleases.**

7 When therefore a man who hath the Spirit of God shall come into the church of the righteous, who have the faith of God, and they pray unto the Lord; then the holy angel of God fills that man with the blessed Spirit, and **he speaks in the congregation as he is moved of God.**

8 Thus therefore is the spirit of God known, **because whosoever speaketh by the Spirit of God, speaketh as the Lord will.**

Conclusion

Many Cessationists will ask for proof or for a sign. Many of them doubt and do not believe. The Spirit operates as He wills not as man desires. The Cessationist needs to repent and have childlike faith and believe in the gifts and they will receive. Do not doubt or deny the power of God in any way! Believe in ALL things pertaining God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ!

29 Jesus answered them, "**You are wrong** because you know neither the scriptures nor the power of God.

Matthew 22:29