

God is Faithful Session 7 – The Faithfulness of Jesus

Hebrews 11:11 (KJV) – *Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised.*

I. Review/Intro

- A. Sarah's summary – She judged God and His promise faithful and true
- B. It is the Word/Promise that you judge faithful that works for you
Who has believed our report – To whom it the arm of the Lord revealed?
- C. Resting in the Promises of God – There is an unusual rest that comes from judging the promises of God faithful and true.
- D. The power of Covenant Promises – Covenant Faithfulness
- E. Long Haul Faith – The quality of faith is determined by perseverance, “Audrey Mack”

II. Faith Hindrances (Hindrances to Receiving from God)

- A. Faith is hindered when:
 - 1. We do not believe the promise of God's Word
It is the Word that we believe/judge faithful that works for us
 - 2. When we elevate our circumstance above God's Word
Live life according to the natural senses vs Faith in God/His Word.
 - 3. Condemnation and Unworthiness
Many throughout the Body of Christ deal with some level of condemnation and the feelings of being unworthy to receive from the Lord. Some to the extreme!
 - a. We do not feel that we deserve to receive.
 - b. This is one of Satan's greatest tools.
 - c. He is called the accuser of the Brethren
 - d. What does the Bible say about condemnation?
1 John 3:20-21 (NKJV) – ²⁰For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things. ²¹Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God.

- If our heart condemns us it is impossible to have confidence toward God
- Judging God/His Word faithful requires confidence in Him and His promises
- Condemnation renders our faith ineffective

Romans 8:1-2 (NKJV) – ¹*There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who^[a] do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. ² For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.*

- No condemnation to those IN CHRIST
 - Who do not live looking after the flesh/the performance of the flesh/good merit in the flesh BUT LIVE according to their SPIRIT looking at Jesus.
 - The NEW LAW – The Spirit of Life IN JESUS has made me free from the LAW that brought SIN and DEATH into my life.
4. Through Condemnation, we limit HIS faithfulness based upon our lack of faithfulness

III. **The New Covenant is based upon the Faithfulness of Jesus**

Because of HIS faithfulness, I receive what I do not deserve

- A. Everything we receive from God is based upon Covenant
 - B. The Covenant is not based upon my performance but the performance of Jesus
 - C. **Romans 5:17-19 (NLT)** – ¹⁷*For the sin of this one man, Adam, caused death to rule over many. But even greater is God’s wonderful grace and his gift of righteousness, for all who receive it will live in triumph over sin and death through this one man, Jesus Christ. ¹⁸*Yes, Adam’s one sin brings condemnation for everyone, but Christ’s one act of righteousness brings a right relationship with God and new life for everyone. ¹⁹ Because one person disobeyed God, many became sinners. But because one other person obeyed God, many will be made righteous.**
1. We became sinners because of the lack of Adam’s faithfulness
 - a. I am not a sinner because I sinned
 - b. I sinned because I am a sinner (Prior to New Birth)
 - c. This is where ALL CONDMNATION came from

2. We become righteous because of the faithfulness of Jesus
 - a. I am not right with God/ A child of God not because I started doing right and turned over a new leaf
 - b. I am right with God because I have been born again and am a new creation/ Born again person IN JESUS
3. We had nothing to do with Adam's sin
4. We have nothing to add to Jesus's faithfulness
5. Our part is to BELIEVE/CONSIDER HIM/Judge Him Faithful
6. Judging Him Faithful includes the ability to place faith in HIS faithfulness so I CAN BE worthy through HIM to receive all of HIS promises to me.

D. **Jesus Was/Is Faithful**

Hebrews 3:1-2 (NKJV) – *Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, Christ Jesus, who was faithful to Him who appointed Him, as Moses also was faithful in all His house*

Consider Him – Not Yourself

Consider Def – *to perceive/understand/keep your eyes fixed on him*

IV. **The Shared Inheritance**

Joint Heirs – WHY I can RECEIVE from God based upon the FAITHFULNESS of Jesus.

In the Old Testament/Covenant – Every promise was conditional to performance

In the New Testament/Covenant – Every promise is received by Inheritance

Blessing, healing, freedom, peace, joy, and divine protection are ALL included in my Inheritance

IN the old Law/Covenant if I kept the rules I received.

IN the New Covenant – I joined Jesus in the Father's Last Will and Testament – and He put everything IN THE WILL

It's in the Will!

A. Scriptures to consider

Hebrews 1:1-2 (NKJV) – *God, who ^[a]at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, ² has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the ^[b]worlds;*

1. The Son/Jesus is the heir of ALL Things
2. Old Covenant/ If you hearken diligently to the voice of the Lord to do ALL his commandments – **Deuteronomy 28:1** – *All these blessings will come upon you – BUT if you do not all these curses will.*
3. Jesus fulfilled ALL the law – Complete Obedience to the Father
4. Jesus took ALL our sin and paid the price for our redemption
5. Jesus took ALL our punishment for sin – The curse
6. Jesus through HIS faithfulness to the Father became the HEIR of all things
He gets is all!

Romans 8:16-17 (NKJV) – ¹⁶ *The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.*

- a) We are the Children of God
- b) Since we are Children, we are heirs too!
- c) Heirs of God!
- d) Joint heirs with Jesus – co-heirs
 - (1) JOINT HEIR=
 - (2) *One who obtains something for himself with others – joint participant.*
 - (3) *What Jesus received as HEIR OF ALL THINGS – He received so he could share with us!*
- e) If we suffer with him – To identify with him

B. I Receive Because:

1. I receive because He received
2. I receive because of his obedience
3. I receive because of his faithfulness
4. I receive because of his righteousness
5. I receive because of his goodness
6. I receive because of HIM
 - a) I receive from the Lord by judging the promises faithful/true to me
 - b) I receive from the Lord based upon the performance of Jesus not my personal performance
 - c) I refuse to allow condemnation and guilt to keep me from receive what God has promised me
 - d) When Satan points his finger as the accuser of the brethren/ I point my finger to Jesus who is heir of all and remind him that I am JOINT heirs with
 - The righteous one
 - The perfect one
 - The sinless one

C. When God Crosses His Hands

1. Jacob and the Sons of Joseph
 - a) Manaseh – First Born
 - b) Ephraim – The Younger
 - c) Positioned in the natural to receive
 - d) Jacob crossed his hands and gave the younger the blessing
NOTE: See Genesis 48:8-20
2. Jesus was HEIR of all and deserved everything that He received of the Father
3. When Jesus took us before the Father – God crossed His hands and gave us that which was only deserved by our older brother Jesus
 - a. Grace – *2nd born* – Triumphed over the Law *1st born*
 - b. Undeserved favor/to receive what I was never worthy to receive

4. I received what Jesus was worthy to receive!
5. By Faith alone, I take and receive everything Jesus made available to me
6. It's about His faithfulness

Closing Note: *When Satan the accuser shows up to bring Condemnation – Say, “I don’t receive it,” Remind him that YOUR BIG BROTHER JESUS was faithful and is faithful. He will not hang around very long if you start reminding him of the faithfulness of Jesus.*