

Week 13 - When Doubt Creeps In

- 1) Doubt Often Arises During Difficult Situations
 - 2) Doubt Often Arises Over Unmet Expectations
 - 3) Doubt Often Arises Because Of Limited Perception
 - 4) We Combat Doubt With Biblical Revelation
 - 5) We Combat Doubt With Joyful Submission
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Scripture: [Matthew 11:1-19](#)

John the Baptist Sends Messengers to Jesus

11 Now it came to pass, when Jesus finished commanding His twelve disciples, that He departed from there to teach and to preach in their cities.

2 And when John had heard in prison about the works of Christ, he ^{1a}sent two of his disciples **3** and said to Him, "Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?"

4 Jesus answered and said to them, "Go and tell John the things which you hear and see: **5** *The blind see and the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear; the dead are raised up and the poor have the gospel preached to them.* **6** And blessed is he who is not offended because of Me."

7 As they departed, Jesus began to say to the multitudes concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? **8** But what did you go out to see? A man clothed in soft garments? Indeed, those who wear soft *clothing* are in kings' houses. **9** But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, and more than a prophet. **10** For this is *he* of whom it is written:

'Behold, I send My messenger before Your face,
Who will prepare Your way before You.'

11 "Assuredly, I say to you, among those born of women there has not risen one greater than John the Baptist; but he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. **12** And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force. **13** For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John. **14** And if you are willing to receive *it*, he is Elijah who is to come. **15** He who has ears to hear, let him hear!

16 "But to what shall I liken this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to their companions, **17** and saying:

'We played the flute for you,
And you did not dance;
We mourned to you,
And you did not ^{1b}lament.'

18 For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon.' **19** The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a winebibber, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' But wisdom is justified by her children."