

# The Book Of James (Part 9) - No Doubting Allowed February 21, 2026

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## Wisdom Without Doubt: The Power of Unwavering Faith

In this teaching on the Book of James, **Pastor Daniel Joseph** from **Corner Fringe Ministries** emphasizes the necessity of seeking **divine wisdom** through **unwavering faith**. He explains that while God is a generous provider who gives to all without criticism, receiving His blessings is strictly contingent upon a heart free from **doubt**. Drawing parallels to the **temptation of Eve** and the ministry of **Billy Graham**, Daniel argues that doubt is a destructive tool of the enemy designed to separate believers from God's power. He illustrates the transformative potential of **absolute trust** by referencing Christ's miracles and the authority found in the **name of Yeshua**. Ultimately, he defines a **double-minded person** as someone whose instability prevents them from receiving anything from the Lord. Daniel concludes that believers must intentionally purge doubt to unlock the **supernatural possibilities** of a life fully committed to the Creator.

Shabbat Shalom. I actually feel like we're going to get some momentum today. You know, this is week nine, and let's see, thus far we've looked at verses one through four, and last week we actually began to just dig into the front part of verse five. Today, we're going to double the ground we've covered over the last eight weeks in just one message. So, we're going to be looking at verses five, six, seven, and eight today—so very productive—you're welcome.

Picking up where we left off, let's look at this: James 1:5—**If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God.** You know, I was meditating on this verse today, and I always like to have time to think things through, to put myself back in the historical context, and to think about the letter itself of James and it being distributed. And how it starts with James—remember, he's the Nasi of the court; this guy has some serious clout. So, as this letter is going out, you better believe people are listening; people are going to read this one.

So, the first letter gets drafted, and it gets sent out, and what was common was that it would go to a synagogue, and the ruler of the synagogue would read it, and the people would hear the words. And of course, if they wanted to read it themselves, I'm sure they would do that. But you follow this; you track this. Maybe it was read the first time in front of 20, 30, or 50 people. But then another copy is made, and that's also distributed, and it starts to go throughout the world, and those 50s turn into hundreds, and the hundreds turn into thousands. And the thousands to the tens of thousands, and ultimately, as you start seeing the development of the Christian church and moving throughout time, we are literally

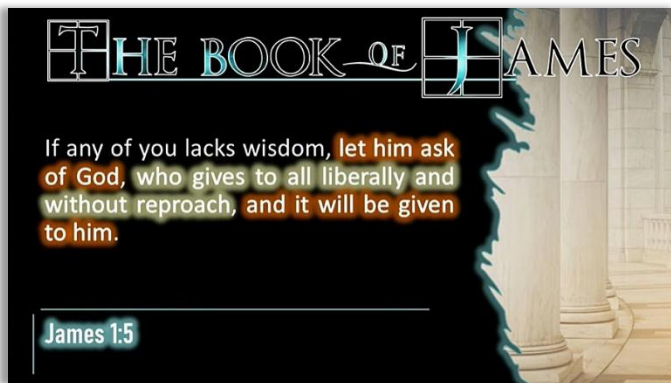
talking about millions upon millions of people coming across James's instruction here. **If anyone lacks wisdom, let him ask of God.**

And it got me thinking, who in their right mind would come to this point, see what James has to say, and say to themselves, "You know what? I'm good." I'm good, in fact; look at me, you can't put any more wisdom in this. Could you imagine? Now, I can tell you, obviously, I'm being facetious, but I can tell you where I'm at today. By the grace of God, the things God has revealed to me, the development, the growth of things that I've experienced, and the things I know in the Word. 25 or 30 years ago, I could not even comprehend the things I know today; I mean that.

Here's what I can tell you: when I read this text, there's a desperation in my heart going, "Oh God, give me wisdom." I need your wisdom. And my point is, I don't care where you're at in the faith. I don't care how smart you think you are. I don't care how much you know in the Word. There's no possible way, if the Spirit of God is upon you, that you read this and go, "I'm good." If you know anything about wisdom, I mean, we're actually told in Scripture, "Yeshua, Jesus, is wisdom." You can't come to this and say, "I got enough Jesus; we're good." Do you get where I'm coming from? This applies to everyone. Wherever you're at in your journey, we need this wisdom. Amen?

So, James 1:5—**If any of you lacks wisdom, what? Let him ask of God** (emphasis added); it's the only resource we can go to. There's no other well to draw from. And I think about this, and I think of the psalmist. It's so beautiful; he says in Psalm 121:1, **"I will lift up my eyes to the hills—from whence comes my help?"** The psalmist is looking at all the high places of the pagan gods and all the people and all the nations going up to their gods for what? For help, for deliverance, for wisdom, for strength, and for prosperity. They're going to the hills, but the psalmist says, "Where does my help come from?" Oh, it comes from Yahweh, who made heaven and earth. There's nowhere else to go.

And it's interesting; let's be clear, James knows that as you continue, we won't get there today, but in James 1:17, he says, **"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights."** That's where we get wisdom. That is the well that we go to draw from.



Now, breaking new ground, we're going to read this: James 1:5—**"... who gives to all liberally,"** generously, okay? **"And without reproach, and it will be given to him"** (emphasis added).

I want you to see what James did. He created a pair of bookends here. **"Let him ask of God ... and it will be given to him"** (emphasis added), and in the middle of that pair of bookends is the meat of the matter. This is important.

James is so brilliant. We have to confess, he's not writing of his own intellect; there's no way. He's so strategic in his words. It's just too perfect; it's the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is conveying a critical lesson, and that is, we have to understand who God is, His character, and that He's willing with joy to generously give and without reproach.

What's interesting is that this statement is literally built upon the teachings of Yeshua. As you go into Matthew Chapter 7, we read something. In Matthew 7:7, we touched on that last week just a little bit, but Yeshua says, **"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find"** To put it into context, Yeshua follows up and says, "Listen, parents, which one of you, if your child comes to you and they're hungry and they ask, "Mom, Dad, give me a piece of bread." Which one of you is going to give them a rock? They asked for fish. Are you going to give them a serpent? Are you going to give them a scorpion? This changed my prayer life; this is no joke. This changed how I go before the Lord because I know, as a father, when my kids come and even when my kids don't come to me, I want to give them good blessings. Do you not, parents? Is this not inherent in you? Do you not want to do things for your kids, especially when they ask?

Yeshua says in Matthew 7:11, **"If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!"** That's the context we need. That's the mindset. This is what James has conveyed. Take it into consideration. Do you want to present yourself in prayer and petition before God? Let's understand who we're coming before: His good character.

Now, as we continue, we're going to see James, and he's going to tell us that this is contingent upon how we ask. This is interesting. James 1:6—**But let him ask in faith, ...** It seems really straightforward. Right? Simple, straightforward. Not so fast; James is going to add a qualifier, and listen to me carefully; it's a game-changer. The qualifier is this: **with no doubting** (emphasis added). No doubting—  
theologically speaking, there's rigidity to this. It's immovable; you can't play with this, you can't bend it, and it's not flexible. James doesn't come on the scene and say, "Yeah, let him ask in faith even though you have seeds of doubt in your heart, even though you're struggling, and even though you have lingering doubts in your heart; don't worry about it; press on." There can be absolutely no doubt. That will change your life.

If you want to have any success in receiving anything from the Lord, you have to get this right. And you need to understand that faith and doubt are mortal enemies, and they are at war, and the object of each one is to destroy the other, and that is going to be codependent upon which one you embrace. They're both vying for your heart. Both of these entities vie for your heart, and the one that is going to be victorious is the one that you receive, oh, the one you believe in. This is a scary reality. Doubt is from the pit of hell. And I'm going to tell you, if you embrace doubt, know this: it will be the ruin of you. It will destroy you; it will take everything from you. It'll completely separate you from God. You will have nothing.

I want to give you an example of this, one of my favorites; I go there often. Going back to the beginning of the Bible—Genesis 3:1—**Now the serpent, the nachash (נָחָשׁ), Satan, was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made.** The first thing that we're ever told with the introduction of Satan is that he's more deceitful than any other. Unparalleled deception. We have a nightmarish enemy, ruthless and so deceiving. And it goes on: **And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said"** (emphasis added), in Hebrew, just three words, *Ki amar Elohim* (כִּי אָמַר אֱלֹהִים)—Has God said—the first three words ever recorded of our adversary, who's more lethal than any other in the existence of the world, and the first thing that is recorded that he does is sow doubt. What did he sow doubt in? He sows doubt in the Word of God. Did God really say, **'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?** He's come to cast doubt on the law, on the commandments, and on the truth of God's Word.

Eve responds brilliantly. She brings the word of the Lord to the table and says, "Yeah, actually, what God has said is we can eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, He has said, 'You shall not eat it nor touch it, lest you die.'" She brings the Word; we're doing well at this point. She's fighting the devil with the sword. She brings the Word of the Lord.

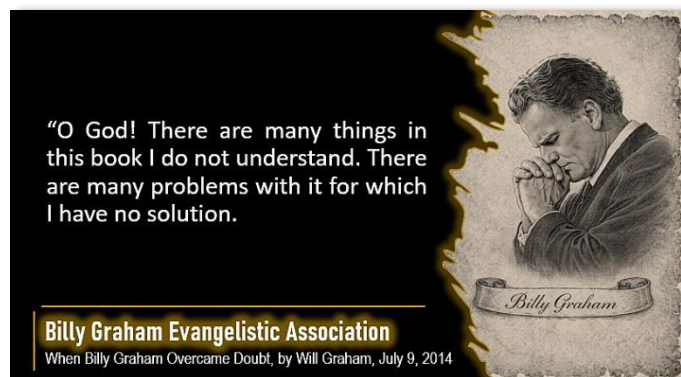
And then Satan circles back—Genesis 3:4—**Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die"** (emphasis added). You will not die. What's he doing? He doubled down on doubt. Okay, you're telling me God said it—it's not true. He's sowing the seeds of doubt in her. This is absolutely terrifying to see in real time here. He calls God a liar. You can't trust His Word, and this is exactly the demonic spirit that we are seeing, literally ripping through the land and all over the world. They're casting doubt; people are casting doubt, and principalities and powers are casting doubt on the truth of God's Word.

Here's what I'm going to tell you: I'm going to remind you; you cannot listen to the voice of the enemy and live. You will not survive that. And what is the voice of the enemy? What Yeshua calls in John 10:5, **"the voice of strangers."** What does that voice do? Doubt; it sows doubt. If you have doubt in your life, who are you listening to? This is the lesson; this is the takeaway. If you have faith in your life, I know who you're listening to; you're listening to the Good Shepherd. But if you're struggling with doubt, and doubt is in your heart, you're not listening to the Shepherd; you're listening to the devil, and you won't survive.

One of my favorite examples of this in our modern-day generation is what happened to Billy Graham. It was incredible. The devil did the same play that he did against Eve to Billy Graham. One of his closest friends, Chuck Templeton, who was a preacher for Youth for Christ, preaching the gospel, goes on to Princeton and becomes enlightened and realizes, "Oh, this entire book, it's not the inerrant Word of God; it's the errant word of man. There are errors, there are contradictions; we really can't do this." This guy, who's a close friend of Billy Graham, starts sowing these seeds of doubt in regard to the Word of the Lord in his life.

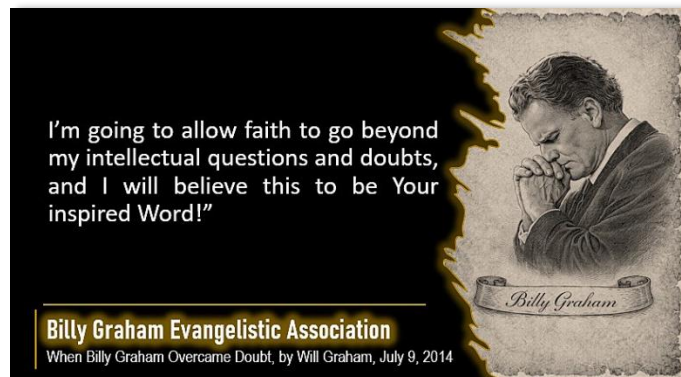
Billy Graham, before the ministry—now this was all demonic because his ministry had not taken off. The enemy knew what God was going to do with the ministry of Billy Graham and spreading the gospel to the ends of the earth. One of the biggest ministries in the history of Christianity, bar none. Unparalleled, I mean, it is unreal. And before that ever took off, the enemy planted, going through one of his best friends, started sowing seeds of doubt in him to take him out. He had a crisis of faith, and it's what led him to the tree stump prayer, and I'll just briefly share it. I love this prayer.

Billy Graham came to a point; he set his Bible on the tree stump, and he said this—Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, *When Billy Graham Overcame Doubt*, by Will Graham, July 9, 2014—**"O God! There are many things in this book I do not understand. There are many problems with it for which I have no solution. There are many seeming contradictions. There are some areas in it that do not seem to correlate with modern science. I can't answer some of the philosophical and psychological questions Chuck, as in Templeton, and others are raising."** He recognizes I don't



necessarily have all the answers. What do you do? Satan is sowing all that doubt. Do you leave the Bible on the tree stump and walk away?

This is what Billy did. He said, “Father, I am going to accept this as Thy Word—by faith! Faith. I’m going to allow faith to go beyond my intellectual questions and doubts, and I will believe this to be Your inspired Word!” Billy Graham lived Proverbs 3:5—Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not; don't you dare lean on your own understanding.



The devil's looking to exploit you that way.

He wants you to lean on your own understanding. He'll sow doubt all over the place. You'll be walking in fear and anxiety. You'll be weak and pathetic, and you'll be separated from God. That is not something I'm interested in.

Going to Yeshua's words in Matthew 21:18-19—<sup>18</sup> Now in the morning, as He returned to the city, He was hungry. <sup>19</sup> And seeing a fig tree by the road, He came to it and found nothing on it but leaves, and said to it, "Let no fruit grow on you ever again." Immediately the fig tree withered away (emphasis added). He curses this fig tree because there is no fruit. He came to find fruit; He was hungry, and because there wasn't fruit on it, he cursed it. Now, you know, there's our little mini lesson. Boy, you better be ready in season and out of season lest Yeshua comes to us looking for fruit but doesn't find it.

Matthew 21:20—And when the disciples saw it, they were with Him. They saw this, and they marveled, saying, "How did the fig tree wither away so soon?" This completely blew their mind. Think about this for a second; let's put this into context. They're with Yeshua; these are the disciples of Yeshua. They're doing and witnessing things that have never been done on Earth before. I mean, this is not a mundane ministry. They're experiencing radical things; they're having their minds blown daily. This blew their mind. He spoke and cursed a tree. They had never seen Him do this, and the tree was cursed and died.

Matthew 21:21—So Jesus answered and said to them, “Assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith and do not doubt. Does that sound familiar? We now recognize that James is not speaking of his own intellect or his own authority. He is repeating what his rabbi taught him. If you have faith and do not doubt, get ready for this: He says you will not only do what was done to the fig tree, but also if you say to this mountain, ‘Be removed and be cast into the sea,’ it will be done (emphasis added).

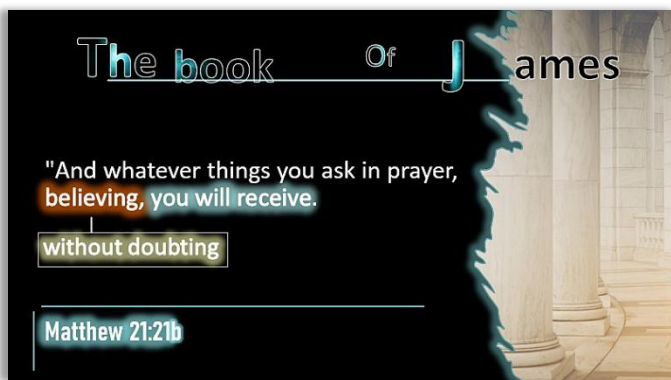
Now let's put this into context. I'm going to help you out with this because then you're really going to see how insane this is. When these words are spoken, do you know where they're at? They're on the Mount of Olives. See, they're coming out of Bethany. Now, if you've ever been to Jerusalem, Jerusalem's here, and on the east side is the Mount of Olives. And on the east side of the ridge, going down a little bit, is Bethany. They have just come out of Bethany, making their way back to Jerusalem. It tells you they're coming to the summit of the Mount of Olives.

Man, and if you've ever been to the top of the Mount of Olives, it's breathtaking; the views are breathtaking, absolutely amazing. But here's what I can tell you after standing there: He talks about saying to this mountain, the Mount of Olives, "Be removed and be cast into the sea." Here's what's

interesting: there's no sea anywhere around the Mount of Olives. The closest thing that you have is the Dead Sea straight due east. It's over 15 miles away, and on a really clear day, you can see it faintly from the Mount of Olives. You can see the Dead Sea. I want you to think about what Yeshua is saying. Okay, it's one thing to say. Hey, I cursed this fig tree, and it completely died. I just spoke to it, and it's dead. But now Yeshua goes into another realm. Look at them; I mean, they would never conceive such a thought. It's so ridiculous and so insane, so impossible, the thought would never be conceived.

And so, He's bringing something to the table; clearly the picture he is painting is what I'm telling you: take a mountain the size of the Mount of Olives and relocate it, at best, over 15 miles away. Yeah, let's be clear: that's impossible, but that's His point. The point of what He's getting across is, do you have any clue as to the power of faith? Do you have any inkling? Faith in a particular context, no doubting. There is a lot of supposed faith out there, plagued with doubt and no power; it has nothing. Faith without doubting—that's where you come to the impossible, and it becomes possible. That's when the unthinkable becomes reality, when you have faith without doubting.

I love what the Lord says to the prophet Jeremiah. He said in Jeremiah 32:27, **"Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh. Is there anything too hard for Me?"** You'll either believe that without doubting, or you're going to believe, Oh, there are limitations; I don't believe that.



Yeshua is going to get to the point. Everything that's coming is bottlenecking now to this point. Matthew 21:22—**"And whatever things you ask in prayer, i.e., wisdom. Whatever things you ask in prayer, oh, what? **Believing**, as in without doubting, **you will receive"**** (emphasis added). Faith without doubt unlocks the throne room. It unlocks unimaginable power. It takes the impossible and makes it very possible.

Now, further building upon this, I want to take you to the Gospel of Mark. In the setting here, Yeshua has gone into the synagogue of His hometown. Okay, so understand that He's gone up to do a teaching, and everybody who's looking at Him knows Him. He is a familiar face. They know His mom; they know His brothers and sisters. This is His hometown, and He begins to teach, and in their minds, they can't even wrap their heads around it. They are like, 'Where did this man get this wisdom?' And these mighty words—how is this happening? And the text says that they're offended because they're like, "We know this guy; we know where this guy's from." What is going on here?

This is what we read in Mark 6:4-5—**"But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own country, among his own relatives, and in his own house." 5 Now He could do no mighty work there, except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them** (emphasis added). What just happened? Have you ever read the Gospels? I've never read of a ministry that is more powerful and more awesome than that of Yeshua. Yeshua did things God could only do. Yeshua comes walking on the water. You read the Book of Job. It says the Lord, Yahweh, walks on the water. I mean, when He's not doing that, He's busy speaking to the winds and the waves and saying, "Peace," and they're still. And when He's not doing that, He's saying, "Your sins are forgiven you." Everywhere you go, Yeshua displays unparalleled, unmatched power. Did he lose? What is going on? You know, I think of Superman; all of a

sudden, he touches this kryptonite, and he loses all his power. Did Yeshua lose His power? What happened?

This is what happened. Mark 6:6—**And He marveled because of their unbelief. Then He went about the villages in a circuit, teaching** (emphasis added). Do you want to know why He could do no mighty work in His hometown? Doubt. Do you want to cut off the power of God? You know, our experience in this life is completely codependent on whether we have faith without doubt or we have the supposed faith with lingering doubts. Your experience in this life could be amazing. It will be amazing if you have no doubt. I've experienced it in my own life, and I spent my life reading passage after passage after passage, showing the power of God. Supernatural power. All these things are impossible, and yet with God, they're possible.

Have you ever noticed ...? Go back and look at the miracles of Yeshua, things only God could do. There's a common denominator all the way through that you can see underlining all these things, and there's a reason we see this. You go back to Matthew Chapter 8, and you have the beautiful story of the centurion, whose servant is sick and going to die, and the centurion calls for Yeshua. You need to heal my servant, so Yeshua's going to his house, and (Matthew 8:8) **The centurion answered and said, "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed.**

The only other time in Scripture where we see Yeshua marveling, other than this, is in Matthew Chapter 8, when He marvels at the faith of a Gentile, and He says in Matthew 8:10, **"I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!"** What follows is the most critical. Matthew 8:13— **Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go your way; and as you have believed, so let it be done for you." And his servant was healed that same hour.** That entire experience, the servant being healed, was totally codependent based upon **"as you have believed, so let it be done for you."**

You flip the page, you go to chapter nine, and all of a sudden, you read this story about a paralytic. What Yeshua says is the most critical: what's recorded. Before Yeshua heals him, something is said, and it's this: Matthew 9:2— **"When Jesus saw their faith ..."** Four men lowered down a paralytic, and the text explicitly says, "When He saw their faith," that's what opened the door. The next thing He says is, **"Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you."** This man walked out of there. Unbelievable, right?

Move on from there, and then you have this woman with blood flow for 12 years. She spent every penny she had going to physician after physician after physician, and all they could tell her was, "I'm sorry, there's nothing we can do for you." In the world, there was no hope. It was a completely hopeless, incurable disease. And despite all of those moments when she got her hopes up, "This doctor's going to help me." No, this doctor, I know he can do this, okay? He's going to do this only to hear, "I'm sorry, there's nothing I can do. There's nothing more I can do."

To get that discouragement one after another, the moment she sees Yeshua, there's no hesitation. There's no doubt. She's like, "All I need to do is touch the corner of his garment, and I'll be healed." And what happens? It's exactly how she believed; that's what's fascinating. And what does Yeshua say? Oh, daughter of Abraham (Matthew 9:22), **"Be of good cheer, daughter; your faith has made you well."** Your faith is what made you well. There's no possible way I can put enough emphasis on this message.

And you move on from there, and Yeshua comes to two blind men, and they're crying, **"Mashiach ben David! Have mercy on us."** "Son of David, have mercy on us." He comes, and Yeshua doesn't

immediately heal them. This is fascinating. He says (Matthew 9:28), "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" And the response is, "Yes, Lord." And then He says (Matthew 9:29), "According to your faith let it be to you." According to your faith, let it be to you; that is our banner. You should have this on your fridge. You should have this on your walls. You should have this everywhere in front of you, reminding you that your life is completely codependent upon whether you believe without doubting. Codependent—your experience in this life is based on it. Absolutely amazing.

Jumping to Psalm 78:19-20—<sup>19</sup> Yes, they spoke against God: His people, these are the children of God; let's put this in context. What we would call today the church or believers, and they spoke against God; they said, "Can God prepare a table in the wilderness?" <sup>20</sup> Behold, He struck the rock, so that the waters gushed out, and the streams overflowed. Can He give bread also? Can He provide meat for His people?"

One of the most terrifying passages, truly, when I think about Christians. Do you notice something here? This is what scares me. The children of God, Israel, recognized the power of God in things God had done. He brought them. He struck the rock, and water gushed out, and they drank from it; these are the same people. They knew God divided the Red Sea, and they went out on dry land. They knew God's power; they're admitting it, they're confessing. Look at these mighty works. How scary is it then when they're talking about how they've come to a situation and now there's doubt? Now there's lingering doubt. Okay, yeah, He did those things, and that was awesome, but can He do this?

How many of you have done that? How many of you have recognized readily, "Oh, we read this, and oh, I believe it." I believe the stuff I read. I believe all the things that happened to Israel, but my life is different. My situation is different, or so the principalities and powers would have you believe, as they sow doubt, more doubt, and more doubt to chip away at your faith, knowing you'll never get a response.

The gates of heaven do not open. The power of God is not released to those who do not believe in Him. Those who do not believe in His character and part of that character—guess what? He loves you. Part of the character is recognizing that He cares for you, and He wants the best for you. Part of it is recognizing He has the power. There is no situation that you are in that is too hard for the Lord. And yet we get to those moments where we get so pathetic and we get so fearful and so weakened as though we have no God reigning on the throne. This is where we find out who we are.

Regardless of the situation that you get hurled into, which may be brutal, everyone around you may tell you, "Oh, your situation is incurable. You have no hope." They could tell you this until the cows come home. I know this: everything I have read and everything I have experienced—with God, all things are possible. That's it. That's where Yeshua is alive; He rose from the grave on the third day and sits at the right hand of the Father—it's over. There is nothing too hard. Matthew 9:29— "According to your faith, I promise you, it will be to you."

We do not want to fall into this trap we're seeing. I mean, we could spend all day just talking about this little sliver here. But this is why the Syrian army got wiped out by God himself. The Syrian army came up against Israel. They fought them on the hills, and they lost. And so, the Syrian army retreats, and they regroup. And what they tell all their military generals and their people is, "Listen, the God of Israel is the God of the hills, but He's not the God of the valleys," and they found out otherwise because what God unleashed was hell. Actually, the text says in 1 Kings 20:28—... "Thus says the LORD: 'Because the Syrians have said, "The LORD is God of the hills, but He is not God of the valleys," therefore I will deliver all this great multitude into your hand, and you shall know that I am the LORD.'"

We cannot, as believers in Yeshua, say, "Yes, He's the God of the hills," and yes, you know, there are certain times and moments in my life where He has blessed me, but now I'm in this situation, and I just feel defeated; I feel that there's no hope. If you're feeling that way, you have given your heart over to doubt. Purge that filth out of your heart. Get it out because it will leave nothing. It's leading you off a cliff. It will destroy you.

Now, it goes on and says this: Psalm 78:21—**Therefore the LORD heard this and was furious.** That divided heart, that divided mind—God can do this, but we're not sure if He can do this; it provokes Him to anger. **So a fire was kindled against Jacob, and anger also came up against Israel** (emphasis added). Psalm 78:32—**In spite of this they still sinned, and did not believe in His wondrous works** (emphasis added). They didn't believe. Psalm 78:41— **Yes, again and again they tempted God, and limited the Holy One of Israel** (emphasis added).

This is what we cannot fall into; we cannot limit the Holy One under any circumstance. Under no circumstance—and I know there are situations that you're going to get put in that you will have to battle fear, and you will have to battle doubt. You just don't give in to it; you feed on the faithfulness of the Lord. Romans 10:17— **So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.** Why is that? Have you ever thought about why faith comes by hearing the word of God? Because we're taking in the voice of the Shepherd? That gives life; that will build faith.

I want to take you back a little bit here to the opening passage of Psalm Chapter 78—Psalm 78:1-4: **A Contemplation of Asaph.** <sup>1</sup>**Give ear, O my people, to my law; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.** <sup>2</sup> **I will open my mouth in a parable;** this is actually quoted in the Gospel of Matthew of Yeshua. **I will utter dark sayings of old,** <sup>3</sup> **which we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us.** Now listen to this, because this is why I brought you here. <sup>4</sup> **We will not hide them from their children, telling to the generation to come, oh, the beautiful praises of the LORD, and His strength and His wonderful works that He has done** (emphasis added).

We are called to prepare the next generation to have faith without doubt; that is our job. We are to instill this into our children. We are to remind them of the praises of the Lord, talking about His strength and His wonderful works, so that we can set this generation to come for power. Set them up to know the power of God. There's no greater blessing that we can give to the next generation than this. It's the greatest blessing.

And so, as we look at this, we look at James' statement, **"If any of you lacks wisdom ...—James 1:6—But let him ask in faith, with no doubting."** Feel the weight of that statement, the magnitude of the warning. I mean, we're talking about the difference of being totally cut off, becoming a slave of the devil, or becoming free in Yeshua.

Now there is more to this discussion. And so, we're going to peel back another layer here because there's another aspect of how we ask. Yeshua says in John 14:13-14—<sup>13</sup> **And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.** <sup>14</sup> **If you ask anything in My name, I will do it** (emphasis added). I might do it. If I feel like it, I'll do it. You'll notice none of those translations exist. He says, **"I will do it."**

We are told in Acts 4:12, **"There is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."** There is no other name that is higher. It's **at the name of Yeshua** that (Philippians 2:10-11) **every**

knee will bow, and every tongue will confess. It's at the name of Yeshua that (James 2:19) the demons ... tremble and (James 4:7) flee. It is in the name of Yeshua that (Matthew 11:5) the blind see, the deaf hear, and the lame walk.

One of my favorite stories in the book of Acts is when Peter and John—yeah, they're going to go up to the temple. It's so beautiful. And as they're making their way into the temple, there's a paralytic, and he's looking for support, financial support. And Peter's like, "Look at us"—Acts 3:5: **"Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk."** Well, that was impossible—not to a man who has faith without doubting. And this guy gets up walking and leaping and praising God. Unbelievable. Unbelievable—the unbelievable now has to be believed.

And the masses flocking around Peter and John, knowing what had happened to this guy, fixed their gaze on these two awesome disciples of the Lord, and Peter recognized the looks that they were giving; he knew the whispers that were going on, and he said, "Whoa, whoa, whoa. (Acts 3:12) Why are you looking at us as though by our own power in godliness this man walks before you? It's not by our godliness." Peter says this: Acts 3:16—**And His name, through faith in His name, has made this man strong, whom you see and know. Yes, the faith which comes through Him has given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all** (emphasis added).

One of the greatest downfalls that you and I commit is when we intercede on behalf of another and, in some way, think that we're just not godly enough or, you know, I don't feel the presence of the power of the anointing of the Spirit—your prayer is dead on arrival. Take this in, because the reality is Peter recognized, I love this; it's not by his godliness; it's not by his power; it's the name of Yeshua. The name above all names, that power and faith in that name. That's where we need to be: faith in His name. It is not by our might; it's not by our power, it's His Spirit.

Yeshua says in John 15:7—**"If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you"** (emphasis added). There's another layer for you. We ask in the name of Yeshua, but is He abiding in you? Here's what I can tell you. Yeshua abided in the Apostle Peter. Yeshua abided in the Apostle Paul, and the Holy Spirit went forth. And they abided in Him.

And so, we go back. Anyone lacking wisdom? James 1:6—**But let him ask in faith, with no doubting.** James says this: **for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind** (emphasis added). You know, this imagery that James used was common in the first century. In fact, we find Paul utilizing wind as imagery (Ephesians 4:14), **"carried about with every wind of doctrine."** Philo, who is a contemporary of James in the first century, literally uses it in the very context that James is using it in. Philo uses it to express that to be blown about by the wind like this, you will never know blessings. You will never have rest. All you have is instability, and this is literally what James is communicating.

And we see this as we continue, James says in James 1:7-8—**<sup>7</sup> For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; <sup>8</sup> he is a double-minded man; look at this, unstable in all his ways** (emphasis added). If you have any doubt in your heart, you will get nothing, and that's exactly what the devil wants. The devil loses, you know; the entire kingdom of darkness is built on the premise of doubt. I want you to think about that. Faithlessness, doubting the Lord God—his entire kingdom is built on that. We cannot succumb.

*[Closing prayer]*

Abba Father, we give You praise and glory. We give You praise and glory for Yeshua the Messiah, who has conquered sin and death. Who, through His name, oh, we have hope of salvation. Through His name, the power of His name, and faith in that name, we know we have the help of God. We have deliverance. Your word says (Psalm 50:15), "Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me." It doesn't say, "I might deliver you." You are faithful to those, Lord, that turn to You without doubting. The riches of Your kingdom are immeasurable, and there is nothing too hard for You.

And Lord, I just pray if there is leaven, as we're coming up on Passover, if there is any leaven of doubt, Lord, I pray that You purge it out of us. Lord, that You bring it to the surface, that You open our eyes to see where we are doubting You in our life, how we are doubting You, how we are not being faithful, and how we are not trusting in the Lord with our whole heart. I pray for that. Lord, I just thank You for the mercy for us to be able to turn and repent and confess that we have been faithless. We thank You for that grace. We just pray this in Yeshua's mighty name. Amen.

# Unlocking Divine Wisdom: The Blueprint for Faith

## THE CHARACTER OF THE GIVER



**God Gives Liberally**  
God is the only resource for true wisdom, providing it generously without reproach.



**The Heart of a Father**  
If earthly parents provide good gifts, the Heavenly Father gives much more to those asking.



**YESHUA**

**The Name Above All**  
True power resides in the name of Yeshua, through which the impossible becomes possible.

## THE REQUIREMENT OF FAITH



**No Room for Doubting**  
Faith and doubt are mortal enemies; success in prayer requires the total exclusion of doubt.



**The Unstable Wave**  
A person with doubt is like a wave tossed by the wind—unstable and receiving nothing.



**Purging the Leaven of Doubt**  
Believers must hear the Word to build faith and actively repent of faithlessness.

## SPIRITUAL OUTCOMES: FAITH VS. DOUBT

Spiritual State	Characterization	Promised Outcome
Unwavering Faith	Single-Minded	Receives liberally from God
Lingering Doubt	Double-Minded	Receives nothing from the Lord
Listening to the Shepherd	Secure in the Word	Unlocks unimaginable power