

The Secret of an Unshakable Life

The Wise Man and the Foolish Man

*“Therefore whoever **hears these sayings of Mine, AND DOES THEM**, I will liken him to a **wise man** who built his house on the rock: and **THE RAIN** descended, **THE FLOODS** came, and **THE WINDS** blew and beat on that house; and **it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.** “But **EVERYONE** who **hears these sayings of Mine, and DOES NOT DO THEM**, will be like a **foolish man** who built his house on **the sand**: and **THE RAIN** descended, **THE FLOODS** came, and **THE WINDS** blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall.” (Matthew 7:24-27 NKJV)*

Notice the words THE RAIN, THE FLOODS, THE WINDS.

This seems to indicate it is the same rain, the same floods, and the same winds that struck both houses.

This appears to paint a picture of two houses next door to each other.

There was nothing unique about the adverse circumstances.

The only difference was the foundation upon which the house was built.

Notice that both people HEARD the Word of God.

The reference is not people who reject the Word of God.

This was not a Believer and an Unbeliever.

These both appear to be Believers.

The Unshakable Foundation

*Whoever comes to Me, and **hears My sayings AND DOES THEM**, I will show you whom he is like: He is like a man building a house, who **DUG DEEP and laid the foundation on the rock.** And when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently against that house, and **COULD NOT SHAKE IT, for it was founded on the rock.** But he who **HEARD AND DID NOTHING** is like a man who built a house on the earth **without a foundation**, against which the stream beat vehemently; and immediately it fell. And the ruin of that house was great.” (Luke 6:47-49 NKJV)*

- Digging Deep takes more time.
- The house without the foundation probably went up much faster.
- The money saved on the foundation may have been put into amenities.
- So the house without the foundation may have been more attractive.
- Foundations are unseen.
- They appear unnecessary UNTIL the storm comes.

Notice that the house built on the rock COULD NOT be shaken.

The Rock is the Word of God.

Hearing and Doing the Word is the Unshakable Foundation (on the Rock.)

Doers of the Word

*But be **DOERS OF THE WORD**, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. But he who looks into **THE PERFECT LAW OF LIBERTY** and **CONTINUES IN IT**, and is not a forgetful hearer but **A DOER OF THE WORK**, this one will be **BLESSED IN WHAT HE DOES**. (James 1:22-25 NKJV)*

Notice the words CONTINUES in it. What is IT?

The perfect law of liberty which is clearly the Word of God.

*Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye **CONTINUE IN MY WORD**, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. (John 8:31-32 KJV)*

It is clear that to CONTINUE means to not only to be a hearer of the Word but also a Doer of the Word.

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Notice the words, “A Doer of the WORK” evidently this is the same as a Doer of the WORD. (James 1:22-25)

Also notice the BLESSING comes by DOING not just Hearing.

Corresponding Action

...faith without works is dead (James 2:20 KJV)

For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also. (James 2:26 KJV)

faith without actions is useless (James 2:20 GNT)

Acting on the Word is the true evidence one believes the Word.

*Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar? Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect? And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, **Abraham believed***

God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God. (James 2:21-23 KJV)

*What about Abraham, our father? Wasn't he shown to be righteous **through his actions** when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? (James 2:21 CEB)*

**How did God know Abraham believed Him? Through his actions.
How does God know that YOU believe Him?**

Are You a Friend of God?

*Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and **he was called the Friend of God.** (James 2:23 KJV)*

**Because Abraham was a DOER of the Word, He was called the Friend of God.
Notice what Jesus says.**

*You are My friends **IF YOU DO** whatever I command you. (John 15:14 NKJV)*

Possessing the Land (Taking What is Yours)

*Send men to spy out the land of Canaan, **which I am giving to the children of Israel;** (Numbers 13:2 NKJV)*

God had already given them the land. It was theirs!

And Moses sent them to spy out the land of Canaan, (Numbers 13:17 KJV)

Then they came to the Valley of Eshcol, and there cut down a branch with one cluster of grapes; they carried it between two of them on a pole. (Numbers 13:23 NKJV)

And they returned from spying out the land after forty days. (Numbers 13:25 NKJV)

*Then they told him, and said: "We went to the land where you sent us. It truly flows with milk and honey, and this is its fruit. **Nevertheless** the people who dwell in the land are strong; the cities are fortified and very large; (Numbers 13:27-28 NKJV)*

*And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, **Let us go up at once, and possess it;** for we are well able to overcome it. But the men that went up with him said, We be not able to go up against the people; for they are stronger than we. And they brought up an evil report of the land which they had searched unto the children of Israel, saying, The land, through which we have gone to search it, is a land that eateth up the inhabitants thereof; and all the people that we saw in it are men of a great stature. And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, which come of the giants: **and we were IN OUR OWN SIGHT as grasshoppers,** and so we were in their sight. (Numbers 13:30-33 KJV)*

Notice the words **IN OUR OWN SIGHT?**

Were they walking by **faith** OR walking by **sight**? (See **2 Corinthians 5:7**)

Can you pass the Doer of the Word Test?

*But I say unto you, Love your enemies, **bless them that curse you, DO GOOD to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;** (Matthew 5:44 KJV)*

*...casting **ALL YOUR CARE** upon Him, for He cares for you. (1 Peter 5:7 NKJV)*

Casting the whole of your care [all your anxieties, all your worries, all your concerns, once and for all] on Him, for He cares for you affectionately and cares about you watchfully. (1 Peter 5:7 AMPC)

Do not be anxious or worried ABOUT ANYTHING, but in everything [every circumstance and situation] by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, continue to make your [specific] requests known to God. (Philippians 4:6 AMP)

...and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:7 NKJV)

Don't worry over anything whatever; tell God every detail of your needs in earnest and thankful prayer, and the peace of God which transcends human understanding, will keep constant guard over your hearts and minds as they rest in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:6-7 PHILLIPS)

Faith Can Be Seen

*Then they came to Him, bringing a paralytic who was carried by four men. ⁴ And when they could not come near Him because of the crowd, they uncovered the roof where He was. So when they had broken through, they let down the bed on which the paralytic was lying. **When Jesus SAW THEIR FAITH, He said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven you."** (Mark 2:3-5 NKJV)*

Bible Examples of Acting on Faith

The woman with the issue of blood (Mark 5:25-29)

Peter walking on the water (Matthew 14:25-29)

David slaying Goliath (1 Samuel 17:1-51)

Peter's great catch of fish (Luke 5:1-6)

The walls of Jericho (Joshua 6:1-20)

Naaman the Leper (2 Kings 5:1-14)

The plundering of Egypt (Exodus 12:35-36)

The Widow and Elijah

Elijah caused a drought and famine in the land by declaring it wouldn't rain until he said so. (1 Kings 17:1)

God sent Elijah to a brook for water and sent ravens to feed him twice a day. (1 Kings 17:2-6)

The brook eventually dried up. (1 Kings 17:7)

*And the word of the LORD came unto him, saying, Arise, get thee to Zarephath, which belongeth to Zidon, and dwell there: behold, **I have commanded a widow woman there to sustain thee.** So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, the widow woman was there gathering of sticks: and he called to her, and said, **Fetch me, I pray thee, a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.** And as she was going to fetch it, he called to her, and said, **Bring me, I pray thee, a morsel of bread in thine hand.** And she said, As the LORD thy God liveth, **I have not a cake, but an handful of meal in a barrel, and a little oil in a cruse: and, behold, I am gathering two sticks, that I may go in and dress it for me and my son, that we may eat it, and die.** And Elijah said unto her, **Fear not; go and do as thou hast said: but make me thereof a little cake first, and bring it unto me, and after make for thee and for thy son.** For thus saith the LORD God of Israel, **The barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day that the LORD sendeth rain upon the earth. AND SHE WENT AND DID ACCORDING TO THE SAYING OF ELIJAH:** and she, and he, and her house, did eat many days. And the barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the cruse of oil fail, **ACCORDING TO THE WORD OF THE LORD, which he spake by Elijah.** (1 Kings 17:8-16)*

The Blessing came because she was a DOER OF THE WORD.

*“If you are willing **and obedient,** You shall eat the best of the land;*
(Isaiah 1:19 AMP)

*If you will only let me help you, if you will only obey, then **I will make you rich!***
(Isaiah 1:19 TLB)

The Master Parable

Hearken; Behold, there went out a sower to sow: And it came to pass, as he sowed, some fell by the way side, and the fowls of the air came and devoured it up. And some fell on stony ground, where it had not much earth; and immediately it sprang up, because it had no depth of earth: But when the sun was up, it was scorched; and because it had no root, it withered away. And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up, and choked it, and it yielded no fruit. And other fell on good ground, and did yield fruit that sprang up and increased; and brought forth, some thirty, and some sixty, and some an hundred. (Mark 4:3-8)

*And he said unto them, **Know ye not this parable? and how then will ye know all parables?** The sower soweth the word. And these are they by the way side, where the word is sown; but **when they have heard**, Satan cometh immediately, and taketh away the word that was sown in their hearts. And these are they likewise which are sown on stony ground; who, **when they have heard the word**, immediately receive it with gladness; And have no root in themselves, and so endure but for a time: afterward, when affliction or persecution ariseth for the word's sake, immediately they are offended. And these are they which are sown among thorns; **such as hear the word**, And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful. And these are they which are sown on good ground; **such as hear the word**, and receive it, **and bring forth fruit**, some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some an hundred. (Mark 4:13-20)*

ALL FOUR GROUPS HEARD THE WORD!

ONLY ONE GROUP BROUGHT FORTH ANY FRUIT (reaped any harvest from the seed.)

*For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but **the word preached did not profit them, not being MIXED WITH FAITH** in them that heard it. (Hebrews 4:2)*

**We MIX FAITH with the Word with ACTION....
By DOING the Word!**

Hearing and DOING the Word of God is the unshakable foundation of your life!