#### **EXPRESSIONS OF FAITH**

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### **Speaking is the First Expression**

Faith does not come from us <u>focusing on our faith</u>, but on focusing on God's faithfulness, who gave the promises. Abraham, the father of faith, became strong in faith, giving glory to God, being fully persuaded of what God had promised, He would perform it (Romans 4).

Faith can only get into the heart of man through God's Word, and out of a man's heart by his words. This cycle of words exchanged must take place for the manifestation desired to be completed.

Faith has a characteristic, or what the Bible calls "*the same spirit of faith. I believed; therefore I have spoken. We also believe and speak*" (1 Corinthians 4:13). It is not "I hear" or that "I feel" or that "I think," but, that I speak. The first expression of faith is that it must be released by speaking words.

#### Steadfastness is the Second Expression

<u>Steadfastness</u> is getting on a foundation and refusing to move. This requires diligence, discipline and determination. It produces patience, which is not to be prayed for, because it comes through remaining steadfast.

"What else can I do," some ask themselves when it seems like things are not working. You do <u>nothing</u>! This position of steadfast is a position of faith that stays steady no matter what comes up contrary to it.

Steadfastness does not look for "*another foundation*" (Isaiah 28:16), but remains steady on what it already believes and what it has already spoken.

### Wisdom Is the Third Expression

The wisdom we need is already within us because all things come out of our spirit by the Holy Spirit in the new birth. It is not necessary to go to a prophet or a friend to get the knowledge needed. "*But you have an unction [anointing] from the Holy One and <u>ye know</u> all things" (1 John 2:20).* 

We need wisdom to get faith's manifestation. This is not the kind of wisdom for godly living found in Solomon's writings (Proverbs), but the kind that gives the "*supreme expression*" of faith (James 2:22 Amp), producing the highest results of our faith.

Perhaps this kind of wisdom is the greatest shortcoming of the Church in teaching believers the life of faith. While Hebrews 10:36 says we know the will of God, we may know it in regard to salvation and healing, but do we know the wisdom needed for the "supreme expression of faith?" Specific wisdom is need for specific things. The walls of Jericho, for example, came down by this wisdom because this was the <u>specific</u> way for victory for this situation (but it may not be for another).

# The Fourth Expression— Deeds and Actions of Obedience

We will never be exempt from this fourth expression, the supreme expression, seen with deeds of action of obedience. No action; no fulfillment of faith. No deeds; no manifestation.

Nothing is every received by faith without the risk and stepping out before the manifestation is seen. Once the supreme expression is revealed, it must be acted upon to get the desired results. *"Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works"* (James 2:17-18).

It does not matter how much is known about faith, until there is action it is dead. What are we doing to back up our faith? Confession or speaking is a one expression, but it is not the supreme one. Only the supreme expression of faith will bring in the manifestation of it.

"Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the <u>devils also</u> believe, and tremble. But wilt thou know, O vain [weak and powerless] man, that faith without works is dead? 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 <u>by works was faith made perfect</u> [or made complete]?" (Vs. 19-22).

Abraham's supreme expression that completed his faith was the offering up of Isaac. He believed that God would raise his son from the dead on the spoken promise that in "*Isaac's seed all the nations of the earth will be blessed*" (Genesis 12.3). Abraham's deeds of obedience was in the raising of the knife.

## What are our supreme expressions?

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