### FAITH—A SPIRITUAL FORCE

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## "Thus Says the Lord"

The Word of God is first and final authority in all the affairs of life. When the Word of God is being preached or taught, ministers are not merely providing information but communicating the heart of God, His treasures of wisdom, knowledge and understanding kept in His heart since the beginning of time. The Word of God is the heart of God. He is not going to say one thing and do another. When man came, God released things stored in His heart because we are everything to Him.

## God is a Supernatural Faith God

God's nature is not our nature. It is a "super" nature. Our first instinct is to do things in the natural, to take that which we see and use it. God's first tendency is to take that which is not and create it through the force of faith. Things in this earth were made out of a force called faith, by calling them into existence (Romans 4:17).

Natural faith requires evidence in the sense realm that something is so. When we sit on a chair, we are exercising faith, but that faith is not the kind of faith that heals people because it has no force coming out of the spiritual realm, only in the physical realm.

The human element requires experience in the sense realm to believe what it sees, feels or hears. This is not so with the "*God-kind of faith*" (Mark 11:22). With this <u>kind</u> of faith, things that are seen get changed by the force of faith, which is unseen.

Everything in this physical or sense realm are in a state of change constantly, all being in a temporary place. The Word of God does not change; it will say exactly the same thing each day. It is the heart and mind of God, His ways and thoughts, and they always remain the same.

Living by God's ways and in His realm, we are instructed throughout His Word not to examine the sense evidence as that would be opposed to the spiritual force of faith. Bible faith can only be truly effective when we put our trust in the promise spoken to our spiritual hearts and not on the senses of touch, sight or hearing. We will only be able to trust God to do the things He has said, so is it the believer's task to find out what God has said.

### The Lifestyle of Faith

God's people are required to trust Him on this one basis—His Word. Hebrew 4 says that faith must be mix with the Word that is heard. Faith is received and released the same way by putting the Word of God in our hearts and in our mouths.

When we learn how to walk by faith, we will find there to be no barriers, no limits, and no margins! "Whosoever shall say" (Mark 11:23) can what "whatsoever they believe." The only limits placed on that promise are what a person would believe in their heart and say with their mouth.

Dr. Lillian B. Yeoman is known for saying, "God takes pleasure in His children stepping out over an aching void with nothing under their feet but His Word." An excitement comes when we learn to walk by God's Word, taking steps in life's decisions solely based on the Word of God. It should be the only way we want to live!

# The Force of Faith, the Law of Faith, Will Cause Things to Happen

<u>Hebrews 11</u> shows us that faith will work anyway we allow it, using its principles. It did for Enoch to be translated, for Sarah to give birth past normal time and for others to get out of the fiery furnace alive.

In this earth realm, <u>faith's unique ability is that it knows no time</u>. Like a natural seed, there is a period of conception, growth and maturity where the fruit is seen (Mark 4). <u>The more we know</u> of spiritual knowledge, the faster faith comes to its completion and the sooner the promise is manifested.

Faith can look forward into a revelation and see the provision while yet unfulfilled. Jesus healed people by the cross, before He went to it, because of looking through Isaiah 53:3-5 in Matthew 8:16-17. Enoch reached into faith and saw Jesus coming with 10,000 of His saints, this future event for the Church (Jude 14).

### The Power is Available

We cannot do the things the scripture says we can unless we know what belongs to us as believers by revelation. "That the eyes of our hearts may be opened . . . to know" (Ephesians 1:18), "according to the power that works us-ward" (20).

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