

## **The True Biblical Faith**

### ***Hebrew and Greek words translated as Faith in the Bible:***

Per the Strong's Exhaustive Concordance, the word "faith" is as follows in Hebrew and Greek respectively.

- *Hebrew*: "Emun" Strong's code # 529 which means trusty and "Emuna" Strong's code # 530 which means firm.
- *Greek*: "Pistis" Strong's code # 4102 which means truthfulness and conviction.

### ***Function of Biblical of Faith:***

The Bible states "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen (Hebrews 11:1). The Bible clarifies the above statement as follows "By faith Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household, by which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith (Hebrews 11:7).

Noah did not just wake up one day and decided by his personal belief that he needed to build an ark. No, he had solid evidence. What was the evidence? He was warned of "things not yet seen" by Elohim. So, the substance or evidence for Noah was the actual word of Elohim spoken to him. Without that warning from Elohim, Noah would have not believed he needed to build an ark to save his family, land animals and himself from a worldwide deluge. Therefore, the substance or evidence is the Word of Elohim directly spoken or through His law and prophets. I digress here to show how faith applies even to what we eat by the statement "But he who doubts is condemned if he eats, because *he does not eat* from faith; for whatever is not from faith is sin (Romans 14:23). We know what is good to eat by the substance or evidence in the Word of Elohim; not by ideas of others or of our own. Indeed, whatever is not of the Word of Elohim, is sin.

Faith is not believing we will receive from Elohim anything we want. Rather, true Biblical faith, as taught and demonstrated by the prophets, apostles, and especially Messiah, is to trust without a doubt, to actually know that Elohim will grant everything He has covenanted with His people to do for or give them. His covenant is His expressed will for His people. The Bible's account of Abraham and Isaac is a great example of this. Concerning the Apostle Paul teaches "For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness (Romans 4:3). The Book of Hebrews states "By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, of whom it was said, "In Isaac your seed shall be called," concluding that God was able to

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raise him up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense (Hebrews 11:17-19). Clearly, as exemplified by Abraham, faith is trusting that Elohim will do what He says He will do.

Many people in Churches would say "God answers prayers if it is His will." Yet, many of them don't realize that He has clearly revealed His will to His people through His covenant. We need to know what His covenant states and train ourselves to trust every word without doubting. As long as we are living according to the mandates of the covenant, we never need to doubt or question if it is His will. So, without and buts or ifs, true Christians must believe and know that Elohim will do what He has said by His covenant is His will (Mark 11:14, 23-24; John 14:13; John 16:23. As we do this, rather than having very few prayers answered, we will see so much more and *more of our prayers being answered* as never before! That is the Biblical faith by the testimony of the scriptures. This has been my experience as well.

Notice, in all the requests Messiah made to the Father, He *never said if* it is your will *except for one occasion*. The one time He made a request that was outside the covenant or command He received from the Father, was when He asked that the cup might pass from Him. He came to die for the world as determined by the Father, yet for reasons we can't discuss here, He asked in hope that He should not die. You see, in every other case where He prayed, He never said if because He was praying according to covenant. He knew *without a doubt*, with absolute trust that He would always receive what was covenanted with the Father.

Yet, to not die for the world as the sacrificial Lamb of Elohim was not part of the covenant. So, He said "O My Father, if it is possible, let this **cup pass** from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You *will*." Again, a second time, He went away and prayed, saying, "O My Father, if this cup cannot **pass** away from Me unless I drink it, Your will be done" (Matthew 26:39 & 42). So, if we ask for something not covered in the covenant we should certainly say if it is Your will. But if we are faithfully obedient to the Eternal, and ask Him for what is in the covenant, we need to know without a doubt that we will receive it. Again, His covenant is His expressed will for us. It is not sound to doubt it and say if it is His will.

### ***Importance of Biblical Faith:***

- It is the means to life for the just (Habakkuk 2:4; Romans 1:17; Galatians 3:12; Hebrews 10:38).
- We can't be strong in anything without faith (Isaiah 7:9).
- We can't please Elohim without faith (Hebrews 11:6).

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### ***Conclusion:***

As disciples of Yeshua the Messiah, to serve Elohim effectively and bring glory to Him, we must really know Elohim, know His covenant and train ourselves to trust that the Elohim of covenant will keep His covenant without fail. Without the true faith as described and demonstrated in the Bible, we will only have words and or a "form of godliness" without the power or testimony. We have to believe the Biblical facts about faith and exercise our faith to attain the Biblical faith. The Master Yeshua said "Therefore I say to you, **whatever** things **you ask** when **you** pray, **believe** that **you** receive *them*, and **you** will have *them*." ***This is the Biblical faith!***

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