

<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>THE TESTIMONY OF OUR FAITH</b>
<b>DATE</b>	Sunday, May 04, 2025

<b>MEMORY VERSE</b>	"But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the Lord which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the Lord." <b>Jeremiah 9:24 (KJV)</b>
<b>BIBLE TEXT</b>	<b>Hebrews 11:1-10</b>

<b>INTRODUCTION</b>
<p>A testimony is evidence or proof provided by the existence or appearance of something. What is this evidence for a Christian? What is the proof that a believer has been with the Lord? Especially in a world where the richest people are not even Christians. Failure to understand our testimony can lead to envy, bitterness, and even a falling away from faith. It is our prayer that as we study today, we will come to a full understanding of our testimony in Jesus Name.</p>
<b>LESSON OUTLINE</b>
<p><b>A. OUR TESTIMONY</b></p> <p><b>B. THE DESTROYERS OF OUR TESTIMONY</b></p>
<p><b>A. OUR TESTIMONY.</b></p> <p>A testimony is the message on our lips, the evidence of the existence of something, or the recounting of an experience. For us Christians, our testimonies are not the number of cars we have or our account balance but the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. We can commune with the Father, and He can commune with us. It makes us different from animals and unbelievers.</li> <li>2. It is that we know God. <b>Jeremiah 9:23-24</b>. Our priority and first reason for boasting is that we know God. <b>Acts 17:16 – 34</b> tells us about the people in Athens who had a void but were serving an unknown God.</li> <li>3. Our names are in the book of life. Is your name in the book of life? <b>Luke 10:20</b> tells us that we should not rejoice that the spirits submit to us but rejoice that our names are written in heaven.             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. To achieve this, two things must happen - alignment with Him and obedience to His words. He will keep us in Him – <b>Hebrews 7:25, Jude 1:24</b>.</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. The testimony of our faith is that we have an advantage. The excellency of our power is of God and not of us. <b>2 Corinthians 4:7</b>. This is the confidence that we have; when we call, he hears us. The advantage of a bird is the air; for the fish, it is water; for us, it is God and His presence.</li> <li>5. The testimony of our faith is that we have a Father willing and able to carry our burdens, and He asked us to cast those burdens on Him. <b>1 Peter 5:7</b>.</li> </ol>

6. Despite challenges, we have hope. **1 Corinthians 15:19** – "If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable."
7. The testimony of our faith is Joy in the Holy Ghost. **Romans 14:17-20.**

## **B. THE DESTROYERS OF OUR TESTIMONY.**

We have learned about some of the testimonies of our faith, but we must realize that the enemy is fighting hard for us to lose these testimonies. He wants to deprive you of His presence or steal your joy or keep you from growing in the knowledge of your God. Here are a few destroyers of our testimony:

1. Sin. **Isaiah 58:1**
2. Pride. **Proverbs 16:18**
3. Unbelief. **Hebrews 3:19** shows us that because of their unbelief, they were not able to enter His rest.

Who is this testimony for? Everyone that believes is ready to forsake all and follow the Lord. Remember that a testimony is the evidence of the existence of something. It is either your life testifies of God or makes a mockery of it but **Galatians 6:7** says God cannot be mocked! This means the mockery is of yourself.

## **CONCLUSION**

Paul said for though I preach the gospel I have nothing to glory of. If I must glory, I will glory in the fact that I know the Lord. What is your testimony? Do you know the Lord?

## **ASSIGNMENT**

1. What is the biggest challenge or struggle in your walk with God?
2. What can you do to overcome those challenges?

**FURTHER READINGS** – SUN: Rom. 8:18; MON: Gal. 3:11; TUE: 2 Tim. 2:19; WED: Isa. 59:1; THUR: Eph. 2:6; FRI: 2 Cor. 3:18; SAT: Heb. 7:25.