

## The Manifestation of Believing

I would like to talk to you today about the manifestation of believing. Like all of the manifestations of the spirit that we have been reviewing on these Sunday mornings, it is not a manifestation that can be really understood apart from the other manifestations of the spirit. It is not something that you can see in God's Word all by itself. But for teaching purposes of course, we are considering only that manifestation though other manifestations will be involved.

The manifestation of believing generally works in the same pattern that regular believing does. In regular believing, information comes to the mind by way of the five senses. Then that information is processed by the mind and accepted. Once it is accepted, then it can be acted upon and any results will follow.

For instance, those of you on the Zoom call received an informative email from Charlie about this meeting. The email let you know the day, the time of the meeting and how to join in. Your mind received and processed the information as you read the email, decided it was valid and then you took action. That is how you got on the Zoom meeting today. That is how simple believing can be.

Those of you that are here had a similar experience. You received information about this meeting, the when and the where. You processed the information, accepted it and took action to be here. That is the essence of believing. Information is received, processed and accepted and acted upon.

Generally, that is the same way that the manifestation of believing works. Information is received, accepted and acted upon. But let me emphasize this (I will be repeating this often during this teaching), the manifestation of believing is one of the nine manifestations of the spirit (listed in I Corinthians 12:8 – 10). Without holy spirit, you cannot have the manifestation of believing (or any of the other manifestations of the spirit for that matter).

Now, in the case of the manifestation of believing, information is received spiritually via the three revelation manifestations. That information is accepted spiritually and acted upon. Once again, the manifestation of believing is a manifestation of the spirit. Without holy spirit, you cannot have the manifestation

of believing. When that information (revelation) is accepted and acted upon, the result will be a miracle and/or healing.

The manifestation of believing has to be spiritual because the information and instructions that has come by the revelation manifestations is impossible in the natural world. But the spiritual kingdom is not subject to the same limitations as the natural. Because the revelation is impossible in the natural world, you cannot believe it apart from the manifestation of believing. Your mind would simply not accept the information as valid.

Now we are going to read a record from II Kings. The entire account is too long for us to read this morning in its entirety. We will be only reading excerpts from the account that contribute to the study at hand of the manifestation of believing. But I would of course encourage you to read the entire account completely as you have the time.

### **II Kings 6:24,25, 31 – 33**

### **II Kings 7:1,2**

The Syrians had laid siege to the city of Samaria (the capitol city for the northern 10 tribes of Israel). As this siege continued, it eventually caused real problems in Samaria. Food was scarce and prices for even the meanest of items had skyrocketed. Verses 26 – 30 give an illustration of just how bad and dire the situation had become. The king finally has had enough and decides he is done waiting for God to do something and he decides to kill Elisha the prophet of God.

Verses 1 and 2 of chapter 7 really belong to the end of chapter 6 of you read for thought content. Elisha gets information from God that within 24 hours, this whole situation will be over. The siege will be gone, there will be an abundance of food and the high prices are going to collapse. IN 24 HOURS!

In verse 2, we see one of the top aides to the king (a man without holy spirit and thus incapable when it comes to the manifestation of believing) declare that what Elisha has just predicted is impossible. And it was impossible in the natural world, but the spiritual kingdom is not subject to the laws of the natural world. And it is God Almighty who will act and provide in this situation. In verses 3 and 4, we are introduced to the 4 leprous men who make the rational decision to go to the camp of the Syrian army.

## **II Kings 7:5 – 8**

After providing for themselves, these 4 men send back to Samaria what they have discovered. Even then, the king did not accept it readily. He had to check it out. But everything did turn out just the way Elisha had prophesied.

## **II Kings 7:14 – 20**

What I really wanted you to see from this record is that the manifestation of believing is a manifestation of the spirit. Without holy spirit, nobody can evidence the manifestation of believing (or any other manifestation of the spirit). It has to be spiritual because the information and instructions that have come from God via the revelation manifestations are impossible in the natural world.

Now let's look at another account in God's Word where revelation is given that is impossible in the natural world. This one will be a bit more familiar perhaps; it is the account of Abraham and his wife Sara. The record of Abraham begins in the Old Testament in Genesis 12, but we are just going to read something from the book of Romans.

## **Romans 4:17 – 21**

God had made promises to Abraham – even in a covenant relationship. These promises were for Abraham and for his seed after him. These promises were also impossible in the natural world, because Abraham and his wife were beyond the age where they could have children.

In verse 19, it is interesting to note that in the phrase “he considered not his own body”, the word “not” is omitted in many of the Greek texts. Abraham was fully aware of his age and his physical limitations; he was fully aware that Sara was past the age of fertility. He simply ascribed to God greater power than the situation. He was absolutely convinced that what God had promised, He was able to bring to pass. That is the manifestation of believing.

The manifestation of believing is what takes our lives into the realm of the miraculous.