



The Good Fight of Faith! Review

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1 Timothy 1:18 This charge, son Timothy, I put to you, in keeping with the prophecies already made about you, so that by these prophecies you may fight the good fight, armed with trust (Faith) and a good conscience. By rejecting conscience, some have made shipwreck of their trust (Faith);

Faith is a process:

- The process of faith!
- It must be fought for, you must see it through to the end.
- It requires “faithfulness” aka continued perseverance, obedience and belief...
- It requires a word or promise from God to have “faith” and “hope” in.
- Faith is NOT:
 - A magic word, if I say the right “phrase” etc...
 - A snap of the fingers or instantaneous
 - Or a magic wand for you to use at your leisure
 - It's not a “one and done” “belief only” – faith requires “action” **James 2:14-26**

Faith is a process:

- The Good News reaching the gentiles didn't come via "snapping the fingers". It came as a hope and desire God had and came to fruition over a long period of time. A long process of a people, a promise, a covenant, a land, a King, a Messiah! Then an offer to the Gentiles as a more complete offer vs the original...
- Read: **Geneses 15:13-16, Exodus 12:41 & Galatians 3:15-18**
- Read: **Deuteronomy 32:21, Romans 11:11 & Eph 3:1-12**

Faith, Hope & Love:

- God has faith, He also has hope! They work together!!!
- 1Corinthians 13:12-13 For now we see obscurely in a mirror, but then it will be face to face. Now I know partly; then I will know fully, just as God has fully known me. But for now, three things last — faith, hope, love; and the greatest of these is love.
- Love is the motive (Satan's fear)
- Hope is the vision (Satan's crushes hope)
- Faith is the action (Satan wants you to lose faith)
- Paul lists in reverse order. See **Heb 11:1-3 & Prov 13:12**

Love, Hope then Faith

John 11:1-4 Now a man named Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany, the village of Miriam and her sister Martha. This was the same Miriam who anointed the Master with perfume and wiped His feet with her hair. It was her brother Lazarus who was sick. So, the sisters sent a word to Yeshua, saying, "Master, the one you love is sick!" When Yeshua heard this, He said, "This sickness will not end in death. It is for God's glory, so that Ben-Elohim may be glorified through it."

- Yeshua saw, envisioned (spiritual perception) and knew that He would resurrect Lazarus from the dead before He did it!
- Hope before faith!
- Hope leads to faith!

Creation through a word!

Heb 1:1-3 In days gone by, God spoke in many and varied ways to the Fathers through the prophets.¹²³ But now, in the acharit-hayamim, he has spoken to us through his Son, to whom he has given ownership of everything and through whom he created the universe. This Son is the radiance of the Sh'khinah, the very expression of God's essence, upholding all that exists by his powerful word; and after he had, through himself, made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of HaG'dulah BaM'romim.

- The good fight of faith is something that we are called to, in otherwards it doesn't begin with you, it begins with a word from God!
- Faith starts with a calling! If we don't have a word from God, we don't have anything to put faith in...
- The word gives us our calling!
- Yeshua points to a process, not an instant miracle: **John 5:19**

The steps of faith:

1. Word: From God (Through the Spirit)
2. Wisdom: How to do it, what will it cost
3. Work: Begin the action in faith, start working
4. Walk: Continuing when facing obstacles
5. Win: A completion of Gods word/promise

The goal of the enemy:

- We have an enemy that works to interrupt, deny and stop the process of faith!
- He is here to steal, murder and destroy: **John 10:9-11**

Hebrews 2:14-15 Therefore, since the children share a common physical nature as human beings, he became like them and shared that same human nature; so that by his death he might render ineffective the one who had power over death (that is, the Adversary) and thus set free those who had been in bondage all their lives because of their fear of death.

- katargeō **καταργέω** to be (render) entirely idle (useless), literally or figuratively:
- Satan now depends on lack of knowledge and ignorance to succeed: **Hosea 4:6**
- We do not have to fight or defeat the Devil. That's Messiah's job and he has already been defeated!
- We must resist him and remind him his defeat has already taken place and therefore we will not yield anything to him because we are aware of our heritage!

“Taking ahold of eternal life” **1Tim 6:12**

- We must understand how to take ahold of eternal life!
- Satan uses ignorance to put us back into bondage, unnecessarily. Read Romans **6:19-23** & **7:23-25**
- We don't have to fight to be saved, it's a free gift! **Eph 2:8-9**
- Salvation comes by faith, you must take advantage of it to receive everything that belongs to you (The benefits of the Covenant) through a process of faith that does include a fight. The end of which is the resurrection, a completion of faith and salvation...
- You can have “salvation” without enjoying the benefits of salvation.
- Eternal life is the greatest element of salvation, but not the only one...

Benefits of the Covenant

- Psalm 103:1-6 [By David:] Bless Adonai, my soul! Everything in me, bless his holy name! Bless Adonai, my soul, and forget none of his benefits! He forgives all your offenses, he heals all your diseases, he redeems your life from the pit, he surrounds you with grace and compassion, he contents you with good as long as you live, so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's. Adonai brings vindication and justice to all who are oppressed.
- Psalm 103:17 But the mercy of Adonai on those who fear him is from eternity past to eternity future, and his righteousness extends to his children's children, provided they keep his covenant and remember to follow his precepts.
 - These are the benefits that belong to us through Yeshua's blood bringing us into the Covenant!
 - We don't know or appropriate them, therefore we never ask for them. Therefore, we do not receive them....
 - We are prone to "forget" them (as David wrote) because they are not immediately applied to us, we wouldn't forget them. We are prone because they are apart of a process that takes time.... — 11

Benefits of the Covenant

- Obedience expedites: **Leviticus 26:42-45 & Ezekiel 16:59-63**
 - Cry for release **Exo 3:7-9**, Cave of Machpelah **Gen 23** (Legality)! **Rom 10:9-11**
 - Coming Messiah **Luke 1:67-75**, Descendant Abraham **Luke 13:10-16**
 - All promises of Good are “Benefits of the Covenant” to Gods people!
Psalms 136 Example
 - We have a responsibility to read the word, so we are not ignorant of what belongs to us legally... Lay claim to what belongs to you. This a part of the process of faith!
 - The fight is not a fight to “get something” or “obtain”. We don’t fight to beat the devil etc...
 - It is a fight to keep something that already legally belongs to us...
- Tim 4:7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. (something we must keep).**

Power of the Confession of Faith:

- We get what we confess! (according to His will) (Don't let Satan discourage you).
- Walk in faith, you get the answer you go after...
- When you walk in fear and unbelief, you will get the answer you go after...

Num 14:2 Moreover, all the people of Isra'el began grumbling against Moshe and Aharon; the whole community told them, "We wish we had died in the land of Egypt! or that we had died here in the desert!"

Num 14:8-9 If Adonai is pleased with us, then he will bring us into this land and give it to us — a land flowing with milk and honey. Just don't rebel against Adonai. And don't be afraid of the people living in the land — we'll eat them up! Their defense has been taken away from them, and Adonai is with us! Don't be afraid of them!"

- Both the 10 (Bad report) and the 2 (Good report) received what they believed and confessed!
- So, wouldn't it be better to believe and confess what God has said, opposed to what you see with the natural eyes? Yes!

A Spiritual Fight of Faith!

- We don't fight the Devil directly, it isn't necessary, he's already been defeated! We learn to operate in faith that reinforces Satan's defeat. Faith in Yeshua's defeat of the enemy.

2Cor 10:3-5 For although we do live in the world, we do not wage war in a worldly way; because the weapons we use to wage war are not worldly. On the contrary, they have God's power for demolishing strongholds. We demolish arguments and every arrogance that raises itself up against the knowledge of God; we take every thought captive and make it obey the Messiah.

A Spiritual Fight of Faith

- There are FOUR stages in the “thought war” that the Devil wages on our minds. In **2Corinthians 10:3-5** they are listed in reverse order.

1. Thoughts, a simple suggestion. Starts the conversation, it even seems harmless. "Did God really say, 'You are not to eat from any tree in the garden?'"
2. The “high thing” that exalts itself against the knowledge of God.

The serpent said to the woman, "It is not true that you will surely die;

3. Imagination because God knows that on the day you eat from it, your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

1. Strong hold (slavery) Where he wants to take you! (Death)

- Yeshua speaks to your Spirit; Satan speaks to your mind. **Mat 16:21-23**

The Battlefield

- Satan is suggesting things to our minds. Our minds are the theater of operation, the battlefield!
- Employ the word of God in your resistance!
- (Not “will power” or “happy thoughts”)
- The longer we linger, the more likely we are to succumb. Rebuke temptation and unclean thoughts immediately. Let the enemy know that you are not going to let his attacks go unanswered!



2Cor 10:5 and every arrogance that raises itself up against the knowledge of God; we take every thought captive and make it obey the Messiah.

Php 4:7 And the shalom of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Messiah Yeshua.

The “Author and Finisher”

Heb 12:1-2 So then, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us, too, put aside every impediment — that is, the sin which easily hampers our forward movement — and keep running with endurance in the contest set before us, looking away to the Initiator and Completer of that faith, Yeshua — who, in exchange for obtaining the joy set before him, endured execution on a stake as a criminal, scorning the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

- We are called to be users of the faith that Yeshua created appropriating it, following in His footsteps.

We can't “release faith” if we cant hear!

- The biggest obstacle holding us back seems to be hearing what God has to say! A “release of faith” requires a word from God.

Rom 10:17 So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Messiah.

Deut 8:3b man does not live by bread alone but by every word that comes from the mouth of Adonai.

Luke 8:21 But he gave them this answer: "My mother and brothers are those who hear God's message and act on it!"

Luke 11:28 But he said, "Far more blessed are those who hear the word of God and obey it!"

Out of the abundance of the Heart

Mat 12:33-37 "If you make a tree good, its fruit will be good; and if you make a tree bad, its fruit will be bad; for a tree is known by its fruit. You snakes! How can you who are evil say anything good? For the mouth speaks what overflows from the heart. The good person brings forth good things from his store of good, and the evil person brings forth evil things from his store of evil. Moreover, I tell you this: on the Day of Judgment people will have to give account for every careless word they have spoken; for by your own words you will be acquitted, and by your own words you will be condemned."

A “Good Fight”

- A “Good Fight of Faith” is a fight that we win!
- “Good” in Hebrew is “tov טוב” “It was good” functioning in the purpose of Gods calling! Gen 1:3-4 & Jer 33:20-26.
- God is putting us in fights we can win! So, we can walk in His calling step by step thus functioning in our purpose.

1Cor 10:13 No temptation has seized you beyond what people normally experience, and God can be trusted not to allow you to be tempted beyond what you can bear. On the contrary, along with the temptation he will also provide the way out, so that you will be able to endure.

- If you are in it, you can win it!

The Great Heavenly Cohen HaGadol!

Heb 4:14 Therefore, since we have a great Kohen Gadol who has passed through the heavens, Yeshua Ben-Elohim, let us hold firmly to our confessed allegiance.

- Yeshua passed through the heavenly spiritual realm!
- This is where dark spiritual forces dwell: **Job 2:2 Eph 2:2, Eph 6:12**
- Yeshua passed through; the enemy couldn't stop Him! And since He defeated them, when we confess His words, we are walking in Messiah's victory and authority.
- Why doesn't Paul then say that we should hold firmly to our "faith?"
- Faith is identified by our confession!
- When we confess (**Rom 10:9**) we are saved!

Steady Confession:

- Don't give into "feelings" doubt or negativity. The devil lies to us and uses feelings to convince us – don't give it place.
- Steady confession means we are overcoming the lies of the enemy by always proclaiming Gods word:

Heb 10:23 Let us hold fast the unwavering confession of hope, for He who promised is faithful.

- Every time we confess Gods word, it discourages the kingdom of darkness!
- Every time we have a victory through faith, that diminishes the kingdom of darkness!

What is our “confession”

Heb 3:1 Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of a Heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and Cohen Gadol of our confession, Yeshua.

- Confession is not just “talking” it is to say something that another (more important) person said before you....
- He is our Apostle: We didn’t ask, He was SENT with power.
- He is our High Priest, pleading on our behalf.
- Meaning the words that we say are the words that God spoke to us, through the Messiah. He is over us and he came before all.
- Strong's G3671 ὁμολογία homologia hom-ol-og-ee'-ah
- From the same as G3670; acknowledgment: - con- (pro-) fession, professed. (Homo “Same” Logia “Confession/Professed”).

Strength through Confession

Deuteronomy 20:1 "When you go out to fight your enemies and see horses, chariots and a force larger than yours, you are not to be afraid of them; because Adonai your God, who brought you up from the land of Egypt, is with you. When you are about to go into battle, the cohen is to come forward and address the people. He should tell them, 'Listen, Isra'el! You are about to do battle against your enemies. Don't be fainthearted or afraid; don't be alarmed or frightened by them; because Adonai your God is going with you to fight on your behalf against your enemies and give you victory.'

- Yeshua is our High Priest! He comes to us in the battle, especially when we are outnumbered and afraid and speaks a confession from God for us to stand and speak in! Reinforcing Gods word to us!

The Law of Identification

- Let's go back to Hebrew 4:14

Heb 4:14 Therefore, since we have a great Kohen Gadol who has passed through the heavens, Yeshua Ben-Elohim, let us hold firmly to our confessed allegiance. (Eph 2:1-3 & John 6:62)

- So, when Yeshua passed through the Heavens to be seated at the right hand of God (Acts 2:33-34), was he going back to where He was before? All this fight to return to the same thing? No!
- He returned not just as the Son of God, but as the Son of Man! We will now rise with Him! Mat 16:16, Act 7:56 & Rom 8:34

1Cor 15:21-22 For since death came through a man, also the resurrection of the dead has come through a man. For just as in connection with Adam all die, so in connection with the Messiah all will be made alive.

Read also Eph 1:19-23 & Col :1-4

Shabbat Shalom

QUESTIONS
AND
ANSWERS

I HOPE YOU WERE
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SERIES!

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2 TIMOTHY 4:7

