



The Good Fight of Faith!

Part 3

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1 Timothy 6:12 Fight the good fight of the faith, take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you testified so well to your faith before many witnesses.

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:

אֱמוּנָה אֱמוּנָה

'ěmûnâh 'ěmûnâh

em-oo-naw', em-oo-naw'

Feminine of [H529](#); literally **firmness**; figuratively *security*; **moral fidelity**: - **faith** (-ful, -ly, -ness, [man]), set office, **stability**, **steady**, **truly**, **truth**, **verily**.

Total KJV occurrences: 49

πίστις

pistis

pis'-tis

From [G3982](#); *persuasion*, that is, *credence*; moral **conviction** (of *religious* truth, or the **truthfulness of God** or a religious teacher), especially *reliance* upon Christ for salvation; abstractly **constancy** in such profession; by extension the system of religious (Gospel) **truth itself**: - **assurance**, **belief**, **believe**, **faith**, **fidelity**.

Total KJV occurrences: 244

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”

Faith as a process:

Examples:

- God's hope to take a people from among the nations as a people. To drive Israel to jealousy: **Deut 32:21, Rom 11:11 explained in Eph 3:1-12**
- The 430 process of faith through Abraham: **Gen 15:13-16, Exo 12:41 & Gal 3:15-18**
- He envisioned this for ages!
- Have the faith of God" **Mark 11:20**
- His faithfulness at work: **Col 2:12**

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.

- Hope is the vision
- Faith is the action
- Love is the motive

Faith starts with Hope!

- Yeshua hoped (Hope was the vision) and saw Himself healing Lazarus before it happened: **John 11:1-4**
- Then faith came forth as a spoken word “Lord you have heard me” then the miracle “Lazarus come forth” **John 11:39-43**
- Yeshua only did what He saw the Father doing: **John 5:19**
- So, if the chain of command is intact: From God, to Yeshua, to the Holy Spirit to His servants and our Hope and Faith is in that word... Then our faith will be fulfilled!

Starts with a calling, a word from God:

Heb 1:1-3 In days gone by, God spoke in many and varied ways to the Fathers through the prophets. 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.

Starts with a calling, a word from God:

Hebrews 11:1-3 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of realities not seen. For by it the elders received commendation. By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen did not come from anything visible.

The goal of the enemy:

- We have an enemy that works to interrupt, deny and stop the process of faith:

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:
- He is still in operation, but without power, he thrives on ignorance to put them back into bondage Hosea 4:6

Keep the confidence of Gods word

Hebrews 10:35 So don't throw away that courage of yours, which carries with it such a great reward. For you need to hold out; so that, by having done what God wills, you may receive what he has promised. For "There is so, so little time! The One coming will indeed come, he will not delay. But the person who is righteous will live his life by faith, and if he shrinks back, I will not be pleased with him." However, we are not the kind who shrink back and are destroyed; on the contrary, we keep in faith and thus preserve our lives!

“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...

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

- You can have “salvation” without enjoying the benefits of salvation.
- Eternal life is the greatest eliminant of salvation, but not the only one...
- “Take hold of”: to seize (for help, injury, attainment or any other purpose; literally or figuratively): - catch, lay hold (up-) on, take (by, hold of, on).
- If you have embraced the Messiah, you have more than just forgiveness of sins... “I’m just a sinner saved by grace” we have life in us now, its just waiting for Gods signal to resurrect:

Rom 8:11 And if the Spirit of the One who raised Yeshua from the dead is living in you, then the One who raised the Messiah Yeshua from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

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....

Benefits of the Covenant

Luke 13:10-16 Yeshua was teaching in one of the synagogues on Shabbat. A woman came up who had a spirit which had crippled her for eighteen years; she was bent double and unable to stand erect at all. On seeing her, Yeshua called her and said to her, "Lady, you have been set free from your weakness!" He put his hands on her, and at once she stood upright and began to glorify God. But the president of the synagogue, indignant that Yeshua had healed on Shabbat, spoke up and said to the congregation, "There are six days in the week for working; so come during those days to be healed, not on Shabbat!" However, the Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Each one of you on Shabbat — don't you unloose your ox or your donkey from the stall and lead him off to drink? This woman is a daughter of Avraham, and the Adversary kept her tied up for eighteen years! Shouldn't she be freed from this bondage on Shabbat?" By these words, Yeshua put to shame the people who opposed him; but the rest of the crowd were happy about all the wonderful things that were taking place through him.

Benefits of the Covenant

Two sides of Redemption:

1. Legality: (She was not supposed to be demonically bound; she was apart of Gods covenant with Abraham).
2. Enforcement: Comes from Gods Power.
 - We can ask for this, and God can “just do it” for us when He see our affliction! “We have not because we ask not” applies.
 - Note how the religious elite are ignorant of it, then opposed to it. They should be teaching about benefits!

Benefits of the Covenant

Exo 3:7-9 Adonai said, "I have seen how my people are being oppressed in Egypt and heard their cry for release from their slavemasters, because I know their pain. I have come down to rescue them from the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that country to a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey, the place of the Kena`ani, Hitti, Emori, P'rizi, Hivi and Y'vusi. Yes, the cry of the people of Isra'el has come to me, and I have seen how terribly the Egyptians oppress them.

- A request (cry) God was legally responsible to redeem! (430-year timing).
- Obedience expedites: **Leviticus 26:42-45 & Ezekiel 16:59-63**

Benefits of the Covenant

Luke 1:67-75 His father Z'kharyah was filled with the Ruach HaKodesh and spoke this prophecy: "Praised be Adonai, the God of Isra'el, because he has visited and made a ransom to liberate his people by raising up for us a mighty Deliverer who is a descendant of his servant David. It is just as he has spoken through the mouth of the prophets from the very beginning — that we should be delivered from our enemies and from the power of all who hate us. "This has happened so that he might show the mercy promised to our fathers — that he would remember his holy covenant, the oath he swore before Avraham avinu to grant us that we, freed from our enemies, would serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

Free benefit of the Covenant, free's us to serve in holiness if appropriated (walked in the authority won for us).

What's covered in the Covenant

- A tough question is why are some healed, and others are not? Some perspective to consider.
 - The first 3 plagues impacted Israel & Egypt (the last 7 plagues God distinguishes).
 - **Psalm 91** is about divine plague judgment (destroying angel) vs sickness from fallout via sin. Death is weighed, when you are in Covenant: **Job 2:6** & **Psa 116:15**
 - Sampson “lower fulfilment” of his calling due to sin.
 - Vow of the Nazir higher call, higher cost. **Numbers 6**
 - David example, forgiven yet fallout from sin:

2Samuel 12:10 Now therefore, the sword will never leave your house — because you have shown contempt for me and taken the wife of Uriyah the Hitti as your own wife.'

2Samuel 12:13 David said to Natan, "I have sinned against Adonai." Natan said to David, "Adonai also has taken away your sin. You will not die.

The fight to “keep”...

- 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...

2Tim 4:7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. (something we must keep).

Legality of the Covenant

- Abraham, the cave of Machpelah **Genesis 23**
 - Bought with a price
 - Bought in the presence of witnesses
- Property deed, Car Title example: Discuss
- We legally belong to God when we are:
 - Bought with a price: **1Cor 6:20 & 7:23, Rom 3:25 & 1Pet 1:18-19**
 - Witnesses: **Rom 10:9-11 & 1Tim 6:12**

Dealing with Doubt:

- Satan will sow seeds of doubt to your mind via thoughts. He'll even try to confuse you and plant seeds of doubt through scriptural confusion. He did this to Yeshua! After Yeshua rebukes him with scripture, Satan switches strategies... When you use scripture, he will do the same to you:

Mat 4:6-7 "If you are the Son of God," he said, "jump! For the Tanakh says, 'He will order his angels to be responsible for you. . . . They will support you with their hands, so that you will not hurt your feet on the stones.' " Yeshua replied to him, "But it also says, 'Do not put Adonai your God to the test.' "

- Don't let doubt get in your heart, that's when we tend to "give up"

Dealing with Doubt:

- The power of confession: When we confess that Yeshua is Lord or use the scriptures to affirm. It's POWERFUL! Rom 10:9-11; Rom 14:11; Mat 10:32-33; Luk 12:8; Php 2:11; 1Jn 4:2-3;
- The same is true by professing doubt! Satan wants you to state it publicly so he can steal what Yeshua legally won for you.

Num 13:25 Forty days later, they returned from reconnoitering the land and went to Moshe, Aharon and the entire community of the people of Isra'el at Kadesh in the Pa'ran Desert, where they brought back word to them and to the entire community and showed them the fruit of the land. What they told him was this: "We entered the land where you sent us, and indeed it does flow with milk and honey — here is its fruit! However the people living in the land are fierce, and the cities are fortified and very large. Moreover, we saw the `Anakim there. `Amalek lives in the area of the Negev; the Hitti, the Y'vusi and the Emori live in the hills; and the Kena`ani live by the sea and alongside the Yarden." Kalev silenced the people around Moshe and said, "We ought to go up immediately and take possession of it; there is no question that we can conquer it." But the men who had gone with him said, "We can't attack those people, because they are stronger than we are"; and they spread a negative report about the land they had reconnoitered for the people of Isra'el by saying, "The land we passed through in order to spy it out is a land that devours its inhabitants. All the people we saw there were giant! We saw the N'filim, the descendants of `Anak, who was from the N'filim; to ourselves we looked like grasshoppers by comparison, and we looked that way to them too!"

Negativity, fear, doubt

- We magnify what we focus on. The ten spies focus on negative only, and when they mention a positive (the physical fruit) it was in the context of “this land will be heavily contested”. Every negative aspect they brought up was in reality a positive!
- When we yield to fear, we are actually rebellion against God.
- The positive they failed to focus on was the POWER OF YAHWEH!
- Negative/Positive
 - ❑ Walled cities = 7 warring nations, not congruent (Rome or Egypt) Divided
 - ❑ Seven Nations = Drive them out one at a time.
 - ❑ Large Cities = Big enough to support all of Israel
 - ❑ Giants = So weak and only the we can gang up on them
 - ❑ It devours its inhabitants = Judgment on the wicked, Gods weakening them

Power of the Confession of Faith:

- We get what we confess!
- 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 you natural eyes? Yes!



Shabbat Shalom

QUESTIONS
AND
ANSWERS

PART 4 WILL FOLLOW!

