

HAVE FAITH IN GOD

God will bring His Word to pass and if we learn to believe in the Word of God and order our steps in accordance to His Word then victory is assured. When we believe in God's Word and therefore order our steps in accordance to His Word we will soon find out the impotency of Satan to hurt us. Satan is only empowered against us due to our disobedience to God's Word which definitely stems from our lack of belief in what God has said. God is able to bring good out of any evil Satan manages to do and God can certainly correct and heal any anomaly.

I have found out through the studies of scriptures three awesome revelations of God's power that will certainly change any adverse situation we find ourselves and that can bring us to our expected end. God began His walk with Abraham and His descendents by pouring His blessings on them. With God's blessings nature connived with them to bless them. No adverse situation was able to destroy them as long as they carried God's blessings but rather they rendered every curse powerless and they destroyed any plan of Satan to harm them. During the days of the Kings and Prophets when warfare was the order of the day again God poured ability on His people that saw them conquer great nations. They received the presence of God that rendered their enemies powerless and that turned every weapon of warfare against them useless. Then we see the days of Jesus Christ and the Christians afterwards who received the Spirit of God for empowerment to cure every ailment and to deliver all them that are oppressed of the enemy.

The power of God to deliver and to shame Satan's ability is simply legendary. Our belief in God is what enables us to walk in fear of God and in obedience to His Word. Walking in obedience is what empowers us to receive every blessing spoken to us by God. In **Job 1:7-10** we have recorded the conversation between God and Satan. This is recorded to give us insight of how helpless Satan is against people who follow God's Word and turning away from all evil because of their fear for God. Bible says Job was blessed in everything he did and a hedge as protection was built around him so that Satan couldn't touch him. Brethren, we can come to our expected end when we learn to believe in God and give all our strength to obey and follow Him. Is there anything that God cannot do? Is there any known power strong enough to turn aside the

smallest of God's promises? We are all seeking the best for our lives but we have ignored the very sure way that will not fail- the Word of God that can bring us to the blessings we are seeking.

We have to cast every other option away. Satan uses the availability of other "options" to turn us away from fully committing to the Word of God. We pursue with all our strength other "options" other than the Word of God and then we find out that we are still not fulfilled in what we desire. When we step outside of the principles of God we play into Satan's traps and we are always helpless against his traps without the mighty hands of God to help us.

Ecclesiastes 11:1-6 shows the stability of right paths. If we will follow God's principles to sow generously we shall never come into poverty. If we will follow God's principles to pray diligently we shall never come into the temptations of Satan. If we will diligently follow the dreams and calling of God for His Church He will build us up and the gates of hell shall never prevail against us. The success of the men and women of old mentioned in scriptures was due to their determined desire to keep to the Word of God. We read in Hebrews 11 what greatness they achieved when they faithfully followed God's Word.

To train oneself to believe in God's Word is the key to obedience to God which ensures constant success. Because we have not taken time to review our lives and how things turned up when we disobeyed God's principles we keep making the same mistakes time and again. No one has had good success by ignoring God's principles. Bible says the very judgment God was working hard to help us avert is the very one that we came fully into when we chose to disobey God (**Isaiah 26:9-10**). We have to learn that to obey God is not going to be an automatic reaction unless we have prepared our heart to receive the Word of God. The parable of the Sower clearly shows that it was the ground that was prepared that received the Word and produced fruits. An unprepared heart may receive all the instructions of God needed to bless us but will be unable to administer any of the instructions. The heart is prepared by constantly abiding in the presence of God. When we constantly pursue God with our worship and prayers and with the reading of the Word of God we set the heart up to hear and to obey the Word of God. Hardiness of heart will make a person fail even in the presence of mighty signs and mighty works of God. The disciples witnessed the miraculous feeding of the 5000 and later

worried about food when they forgot to take bread for their journey. Christ referred them to the first miracle and blamed their hardness of heart for their inability to expect another similar miracle. Also watch Jonah's actions the first time he heard God's Word to go to Nineveh (Jonah disobeyed and fled). But watch Jonah's actions after he had had time to pray for three days and nights in the whales belly (the Word of God came to him the second time and Jonah was quick to obey).

Church, let us set up our heart tuned to God in prayers, worship and desires to abide in God's presence. This prepares our heart to take in God's Word and to obey them. This is what sets us up to receive the sure blessings of God. Therefore this should be our daily prayers: God please help me tune my heart to you constantly.

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