

# FAITH IS THE VICTORY

Heb 3:12 **Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God;**

Unbelief is the opposite of faith, both are of the heart. Unbelief is evil faith is good. Unbelief departs from God, faith draws near to God. Hence to encourage faith God says:

13 **But exhort one another daily (to faith), while it is called "Today," lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.**

Exhort is from the Greek word "Parakateo" (Kateo = To call "Para" = Near) and means to call one another near to God in faith thus to Invite, to implore, to encourage and to remind.

2 Peter 1:12 For this reason I will not be negligent to remind you always of these things...

Phil 3:1 .To keep writing to you over and over of the same things is not irksome to me..AMP

Charles Finney on Faith: From a book by this great American Evangelist on Sanctification:

Why do people commit sin at all? How are these things to be overcome? I answer by faith alone. The great and fundamental sin, which is at the foundation of all other sin, is unbelief. The first thing is to give up that unbelief – and to believe the word of God. There is no breaking off from one sin without this. "Whatever is not of faith is sin" Rom. 14:23 "Without faith it is impossible to please God" Heb. 11:6

Smith Wigglesworth on Faith: From a book by this great British Evangelist on God's Power

You were not saved by feelings or experiences. You were saved by the power of God the moment you believed the Word of God. God came in by His Word...The life of God comes into us by faith. Faith has no end but it has a beginning "Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God" Rom. 10:17. What is faith? It is the eternal nature of God. "Have the faith of God" Mark 11:22 (Marg.). Faith is the Word of God. "The word is ...in your heart, that is, the word of faith..." Rom 10:8. Jesus is the Word, Jesus is our faith.

Faith alone is the victory over everything- we have this faith when the Word of God is in us

1 John 5:4 **And this is the victory that has overcome the world — our faith.**

Faith overcomes all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life 1 John 2:16 and faith overcomes the god of this world, Satan 2 Cor. 4:4 (KJV) and faith overcomes doubt and unbelief. Faith is the victory, possessing what faith is believing God for is not the victory, faith is the victory. And faith is the word of God, because the word of God is the "Word of faith" Rom 10:8. Since Jesus is the word of God Jo 1:1 Then Jesus is our faith. When we have Jesus the Word in our hearts we have His faith and we have the victory over whatever it may be: And Christ's faith never fails:

John 16:33 (Jesus) ...**Be of good cheer , I have overcome the world.**

Jesus overcame all, when we have His word we have His faith then we have the victory  
Andrew Murray on Faith: From a book by this great S. African Bible Teacher on Prayer

**"Whatever things you desire, when you pray, believe that you have received them, and you shall have them."** — MARK 11: 24.

Do let us believe this: Christ, the living Word of God, gives in His words a divine quickening power (His faith) which brings what they say, which works in us what He asks, which actually fits and enables us for all He demands:

The five marks, or essential elements, of true prayer (of petition or of intercession) are:

1. "Whatever things you desire." Desire is the soul of prayer, and the cause of insufficient or unsuccessful prayer is very much to be found in the lack or feebleness of desire. God offers Himself, gives Himself away, to the whole-hearted who give themselves wholly away to Him. He always gives us according to our heart's desire. But not as we think it, but as He sees it. If there be other desires which are more at home with us, which have our heart more than Himself and His presence, He allows these to be fulfilled, and the desires that engage us at the hour of prayer cannot be granted. "He will fulfill the desire of them that fear Him." Let us say to Him, "I desire it with my whole heart."

2. "Whatever things you desire when you pray," The desire of the heart must become the expression of the lips. Our Lord Jesus more than once asked those who cried to Him for mercy, "What do you desire?" He wanted them to say what they wanted. To speak it out roused their whole being into action, brought them into contact with Him, and wakened their expectation. To pray is to enter into God's presence, to claim and secure His attention, to have distinct dealing with Him in regard to some request, to commit our need to His faithfulness and to leave it there; it is in so doing that we become fully conscious of what we are seeking.

3. "Whatever things you desire, when you pray, believe." As it is only by faith that we can know God, or receive Jesus Christ, or live the Christian life, so faith is the life and power of prayer.

Faith is the opposite of sight, and the two are contrary the one to the other. "We walk by faith, and not by sight." If the unseen is to get full possession of us, and our heart, life and prayer are to be full of faith, there must be a withdrawal from, a denial of, the visible. "We look not at the things that are seen"—the negative side needs to be emphasized if the positive, "but at the things which are not seen," is to become natural to us. In praying, faith depends upon our living in the invisible world.

4. "Whatever things you desire, when you pray, believe that you have received them," When? Now, as you pray. Faith has to accept the answer, as given by God in heaven,

before it is found or felt upon earth. This point causes difficulty, and yet it is of the very essence of believing prayer, its real secret. Try and take it in. Spiritual things can only be spiritually apprehended or appropriated. The spiritual heavenly blessing of God's answer to your prayer must be spiritually recognized and accepted before you feel anything of it. It is faith that does this. A soul that not only seeks an answer, but seeks first the God who gives the answer, receives the power to know that it has what it has asked of Him. If it knows that it has asked according to His will and promises, and that it has come to and found Himself to give it, it does believe that it has received. "We know that He hears us."

There is nothing so heart-searching as this faith, "Believe that you have received them." As we strive to believe, and find we cannot, it leads us to discover what there is that hinders. Blessed is the man who holds nothing back, and lets nothing hold him back, but, with his eye and heart on God alone, refuses to rest till he has believed what our Lord bids him, "that he has received." Here is the place where Jacob becomes Israel, and the power of prevailing prayer is born out of human weakness and despair. Here comes in the real need for persevering and ever- importunate prayer, that will not rest, or go away, or give up, till it knows it is heard, and believes that it has received.

In importunity there are various elements. Of these the chief are perseverance, determination, intensity. It begins with the refusal to accept a denial. It grows to the determination to persevere, to spare no time or trouble, till an answer comes. It rises to the intensity in which the whole being is given to God in supplication, and the boldness comes to lay hold of God's strength. At one time it is quiet and restful; at another passionate and bold. Now it takes time and is patient; then again it claims at once what it desires. In whatever different shape, it always means and knows: God hears prayer: I must be heard.

5. "Whatever things you desire, when you pray, believe that you have received them, and you shall have them." The receiving from God in faith, the believing acceptance of the answer with the perfect, praising assurance that it has been given, is not necessarily the experience or possession of the gift we have asked for. At times there may be an interval. In other cases the believing supplicant may at once enter upon the actual enjoyment of what he has received. It is specially in the former case that we have need of faith and patience: faith to rejoice in the assurance of the answer bestowed and received, and to begin and act upon that answer though nothing be felt; patience to wait if there be for the present no visible proof of its presence. But, we can count upon it: "You shall have them".

Believe that you do now receive what you have prayed: believe that you have received. If you find it difficult to do this, kneel still, and say that you do it on the strength of His own word. If it cost time, and struggle, and doubt—fear not; at His feet, looking up into His face, faith will come. "Believe that you have received:" at His bidding you dare claim the answer. Begin in that faith, even though it be feeble, a new prayer life, with this one thought as its strength: You have asked and received grace in Christ to prepare you, step by step, to be faithful in prayer and intercession. The more simply you hold to this, and expect the Holy

Spirit to work it in you, the more surely and fully will the word be made true to you: "You shall have them".

Mark 9:23 **Jesus said to him, "If you can believe** (with My faith, which faith is in you when My word is in you), **all things are possible to him who believes."**

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