Attitudes Toward Faith

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INTRODUCTION

- Jesus said, When the Son of Man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth.
- The question, of course, is will he find this kind of faith, the kind of faith that this woman has.
- She understands what patience is. But not only that, she understands the power of prayer.

1 Different Attitudes Toward Faith

Matthew 6:25–34; James 2:26; Matthew 8:5–10

- A little faith is the kind of faith that doubts God.
- A weak faith is the kind of faith that doesn't take the word of God and grow thereby.
- When we give mental assent to God, like the devils do, and we don't obey God, we've got the kind of faith that's dead.
- When Jesus says go, what do we do? We go. When Jesus says come, what do we do? We come.
- We recognize the authority of Jesus Christ in everything that we believe and we practice. That's the kind of faith we need. Jesus calls that a great faith.

2 Faith Is the Substance of Things Hoped For

Hebrews 11:1; Romans 8:23–26; 1 Peter 1:6–9

- Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.
- This faith that he speaks of is made up of stuff that we cannot see with our physical eyes, but we know are real.
- For we are saved by hope, but hope that is seen is not hope.
- Whom having not seen, you love, in whom, though now you see him not yet believing, you rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory.

3 By Faith They Obtained a Good Testimony

Hebrews 11:2; Romans 15:1

- Older men and older women, by virtue of their faith, by virtue of the way that they lived, they obtained a good testimony.
- What God sees within us is more important what other people see. You see, because God looks upon the heart.
- You that are strong ought to bear with the infirmities of those who are weak.
- Not only has God given us prayer, but brethren, God has given us one another. And we've got to learn how to help one another.

4 Through Faith We Understand the Worlds Were Framed

Hebrews 11:3; Hebrews 1:2; Romans 1:19–20

- Through faith, we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.
- Not a single human being has any excuse for not believing in God. Even though you can't see him.
- There are two books open, if you will. There is the book of nature. And then there is the book of inspiration.

5 By Faith Abel Offered and Enoch Pleased God

Hebrews 11:4–6; John 8:29; Hebrews 3:16–19

- This verse tells us that just offering anything to God is not acceptable. We must offer to God what he requires.
- If you live your life and you strive on a daily basis in everything that you do, striving to please God, you are following in the example of Jesus Christ.
- Without faith, it's impossible to please God.
- Some people have a dead faith. They believe, but they won't obey.

6 By Faith Noah Prepared an Ark

Hebrews 11:7; 1 Peter 3:21

- Thus did Noah according to all that God commanded him. That's the kind of faith we need.
- You need to have a faith of your own. We're not going to get there on our parents' coattail.
- Here is the connection. The like figure wherein to baptism does also now save us.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **I open up my Bible and I hear what God says, and I do what God says. God's going to save me. And he'll save you. And you can take Him at His Word.**

MY NOTES