The Bedrock of Faith

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INTRODUCTION

- Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he really find faith on the earth?
- I think the real question ought to be when the Lord comes again, what kind of faith will he find in you? What kind of faith will he find in me?
- The bedrock of our lives is faith. It is upon faith that we find ourselves having hope of the world yet to come because of the sacrifice God made through his son.

1 Faith Based upon Evidence

Hebrews 11:1; Romans 1:20; 2 Peter 1:16–19

- Faith is the substance of things hoped for. The evidence of things not seen.
- I believe God. Because there's reasonable evidence that God is. It's based upon some evidence, though we've never seen him.
- There is order that argues intelligence. And intelligence certainly argues God.
- We did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty.
- Man could not have written it if he wanted to. Man would not have written it if he could have.
- There were about 40 different writers who spoke different languages, who lived over a period of some 1,600 years, and yet they did not write contradictory words.

2 Trust in God, Not Man, for Refuge

Psalm 57:1; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Numbers 35:11–32

- The faith that really is the bedrock of our life, the very foundation upon which we build our very lives, it trusts in God, not man.
- Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me. For my soul trusts in you. And in the shadow of your wings, I will make my refuge until these calamities have passed.
- Him who knew no sin became sin for us that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.
- God has provided for us a city of refuge under the shelter of his wings through Jesus Christ, judged, acquitted, justified by his blood.

3 Trust in God to Share Our Burdens

Psalm 55:22; Hebrews 2:17–18; Romans 8:28

- Cast your burden on the Lord, and he shall sustain you. He shall never permit the righteous to be moved.
- I'm going to miss him, but I'm not alone. The Lord promised that he would be with me.
- No matter what the burden may be, I'm not carrying it by myself. I trust in the Lord.

- There are a lot of people who want all the blessings of God's care without giving their lives to God.

4 There's Support in Him

Isaiah 50:10

- Who walks in darkness and has no light? Let him trust in the name of the Lord and rely upon his God.
- It's a support. And the scripture says that the Lord can be my support. I lean on him.
- Instead of really leaning on the Lord and trusting in him that he is there for support to share our burdens.

5 The Faith That Saves Is the Faith That Obeys

Hebrews 11:8; Ephesians 2:8–10; James 2:14–24

- All of this really depends upon the kind of faith that is more than mental. It is not simply saying, I believe.
- By faith, Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance, and he went out not knowing where he was going.
- For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.
- It's by grace through faith. And the word only is not in that text at all. The kind of faith that saves is the faith that obeys.
- You see that then that a man is justified by works and not by faith only.

THE CHALLENGE

Have you done that? As a believer, repented of sins, been immersed for the forgiveness of your sins? If not, why not?

MY NOTES