



Teaching Guide

Title: Prayer: The faith of your heart

Key Scripture: *⁶ But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. James 8 1:6*

Main Point: What God demands from us can only be fulfilled through faith

Faith – Firm belief, persuasion or conviction based on what is heard.

The Nature of Faith

Hebrews 11:1 "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen, or faith is the guarantee of what is expected, the certainty of what is not seen."

Faith recognizes things unseen, and acts as if they were visible

The Object of Faith

Mark 11:22, "And Jesus answered them, 'Have faith in God.'

The object of our faith is he who cannot lie, he who is immovable, he who cannot fail.

The Basis of Faith

The word of God.

1 Peter 1:23, "... the word lives and remains forever."

Proverbs 30: 5 says, "every word of God is clean."

If we do not understand faith correctly, our prayer time can be converted into asking without understanding, trying to obtain from God what we want with an incorrect faith, and begin to declare positive words as a way to try to manipulate God.

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Faith is the essential condition of prayer.

In the synoptic gospels, faith is simply the act of coming to Jesus with some need in complete confidence that He can and will deal with it.

It was this attitude of faith that seemed to release power in Jesus that made all things possible.

Key Questions

1. What role does faith have in our prayer?
 2. What is the object of your faith?
 3. Do you trust that Jesus can do what he said he would do?
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Prayer

For more faith
Power

Memory Verse:

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