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You Make a Difference!

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“For the law, having a shadow of the good things to come, *and not* the very image of the things, can never with these same sacrifices, which they offer continually year by year, make those who approach perfect. For then would they not have ceased to be offered? For the worshipers, once purged, would have had no more consciousness of sins. But in those *sacrifices there* is a reminder of sins every year.”

HEBREWS 10:1-3 (NKJ)

Faith, Part 2b. THE LAW VERSUS FAITH. Components of Faith.

Text: **Hebrews Chapter 10 & 11**. Please read Faith Part One first. Reading the book of Hebrews Chapters ten & eleven, you'll see how Paul clearly shows the difference between the Law and Faith. Though they are both aiming at pleasing God, yet the law emphasizes legalism and continuous atonement by blood of animals which is temporary. Faith on the other hand makes the Believers have access to the Throne of Grace and God's presence through accepting the one-time atonement by the death of Jesus on the cross at Calvary which makes this atonement permanent. Now faith brings us into the “finish-work” that gives redemption to those who believe in Jesus Christ. (CONTINUED)

“For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: That

the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit". Romans 8:2-4

Therefore, the language of faith is by the Word and the Spirit's prompting.

- (1) Faith is when we are being led by the Spirit not by our own flesh.
- (2) Secondly, as we can see in part one of these teachings; our faith is enhanced by ability to hear from God. **Romans 10:17**.
- (3) Contend for the faith: **Hebrews 10:19-23**.

The third component of faith is to contend for the faith. Once you hear God's Word, the enemy must launch attack to steal it or prevent you from either believing it, or block you from holding onto the Word. Your faith in the Word of God is what can help you to overcome his devices. The Word of God in you becomes the Sword of the Spirit through which you can dislodge the forces of hell in order to still stand on God's promises for your life until it manifests.

Immediately the Father pronounced Jesus His beloved Son in whom He is well pleased, the enemy started to attack Him throughout His forty days of fasting. **(Luke 4:12) "And Jesus answering said unto him, It is said, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God." Luke 4:12 (KJ)** The devil, after failing for forty days then came with three major tests when he realized that Jesus was hungry. **v.3-12. "And the devil said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, command this stone that it be made bread. And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God. And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it. If thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be thine. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. And he brought him to Jerusalem, and set him on a pinnacle of the temple, and said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down from hence: For it is written, He shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee: And in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. And Jesus answering said unto him, It is said, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God." Luke 4:3-12 (KJ)**

After he had failed woefully with Jesus, the devil departed for a season **v.13**. (KJV) Then Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit (Not flesh) **v.14-15**. Thereafter, His ministry blossomed. After the first Adam received command not to eat of the tree of the Knowledge of good and evil, the enemy came to tempt him and his wife Eve. Despite all the battles faced by Joseph after sharing his dreams, his focus on the Lord and his dream kept him until his dream became a reality. And all those whom the enemy used to persecute him bowed to him and his dream. **Psalm 105:17-22, Genesis 49:18**.

“ ... I felt I had to write and urge you to contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to the saints” Jude 3 (NIV)

The enemy is not happy that you are in faith hence, he is contending for your salvation. And you and I like Paul, need to fight the fight of faith (**2 Timothy 4:7-8**) in order to win the crown as we, through our work of faith, make Heaven. Jude said, many agents of Satan are creeping into the Church (Believers) to truncate their faith in Christ so, they can stumble, backslide and fall out of faith. (**Jude 4**) But you will never be defeated as you submit yourself to the Lord and as you resist the enemy, he must flee. **James 4:7**.

Paul told Timothy to guard what has been entrusted to him so that the enemy will not take it. (**1 Timothy 6:20; 1 Timothy 1:14**) Paul further told Timothy to: **“Fight the good fight of the faith, Take hold of eternal life to which you were called when you made your confession in the presence of many witnesses.” 1 Timothy 6:12 (NIV)** Read also **1 Timothy 1:18-19**.

(4) The Promise. **Hebrews 11:4-40**. **“...These were all commended for their faith” v. 40 (NIV)**. The promise comes after we overcome the wiles of the enemy and still stand. **Ephesians 6:10-13**. The Lord said, **“To him that overcome**” **Revelation 2:7, 11, 17**.

When the Word comes, it takes us into the process which includes tests to prepare us for the promise. God will never give us something He has not prepared us for because it can do havoc in our lives. He prepares us for what He has prepared for us. Until you are ready to handle a particular thing, you may bungle it should you be given. Jesus told his disciples to

tarry until the Promise come. God told Habakkuk to tarry though the vision tarries. When the Lord brought them out of Egypt, He worked upon them. In the wilderness, He worked in them (in their lives) to purge Egypt out of them. After, He worked through those who made it to the Promise Land like Caleb and Joshua, etc.

“To him that overcomes and does my will to the end, I will give authority over the nations.” Revelation 2:26 (NIV) Read also, Revelation 3:5,12,21. “He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.” Revelation 3:5; “Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name.” Revelation 3:12; “To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.” Revelation 3:21

May the Lord continue to strengthen us to hold fast to the faith we have received in Christ. May we continue to enjoy the grace to stand firm to eternity in Jesus name. **Hebrews 10:23-24, Matthew 24:12-13—“And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.”**

HOLD FAST TO YOUR FAITH



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