

The Lord showed this morning that many of his people have misconceptions as to what faith is. Many people petition and then profess to believe God for the desired outcome. Contrast this to God's faith where God initiates the word and then we hide that word in our heart to ensure that it is carried out irrespective of our desires, wants, or "needs." Jesus described two levels of faith 1) Blessed are those who see and believe (natural faith based on sight) and 2) More blessed are those who do not see and yet believe (spiritual faith). The Lord has shown us in the New Day the necessity for a third level of faith, blessed are those who believe in spite of what they see to the contrary. To be clear, there is nothing wrong with natural faith in and of itself. Natural or sight faith if not perverted (or made malleable) by the enemy should lead to spiritual faith (faith without seeing).

Natural faith can be compared to individuals going forward in the power ministry. There is nothing wrong with the power ministry or natural faith (laying on of hands, casting out devils, water baptism) but the Lord has shown us that we should leave those things and go on to perfection in the overcoming power ministry. Note that our call to faith is higher than those that preceded us. Abraham was called the father of the faithful and he was highly blessed and favored by God. However, he did not have the indwelling of the Holy Ghost as we do. Therefore, God's expectation of us is not faith at Abraham's level, but the faith delivered unto the saints by way of the perfect example of Christ Jesus.

In James 2:14, James shared with us that faith without works is dead. The Scripture tells us that even the devils believe there is one God. Thus, in a sense, they have faith, but their actions are devoid of works that evidence belief in that one God. Another example is that many people profess belief that Jesus is the Christ, but their actions belie this as they undertake actions in Jesus' name. In so doing, they submit unto the enemy who snatched from the Church the power and wisdom of God found in His Christ. So if faith without works is dead, the question each of us must ask is whether we are operating in the high level of faith of God as evidenced by our works. Have you been faithful to the specific works that the Lord has called us to (attending service, attending sister and brother meetings, praying in our heavenly language, giving of tithes and offering, etc.)? These are among the works for which we will be judged faithful or lacking.

Many times people believe God for things that they desire and will hold steadfast in spite of indications to the contrary. This may be mistakenly perceived as a high level of faith. Contrast this to how God describes faith. Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. Therefore, before one can have faith, **they must first hear a word from God.** It is that word of God, when believed and offered back up unto God, that allows a person to go forward in faith. Accordingly, if one has not yet heard from God but steadfastly believes that God will bring about a desired outcome, they are not exhibiting the faith of God, rather, they are exhibiting faith born of the flesh. Do not confuse the word of God with that which is written in the Bible. God's word is found in the revealed wisdom unlocked by the written words spoken unto an individual as a right now commandment. In other words, the Word of God is a right now commandment unto a child of God to engage in or refrain from a particular thing. The word of God comes by way of GOMA (God's ordained minister appearing) mentoring us in the way of life.

Accordingly, we must always heed GOMA's instruction to us as he reveals the Word of God unto us. God's ordained minister is with us in the form of Dr. Hunt.

Thus said the Lord this 9th day of October, 2011.