

FAITH TOWARD GOD

Heb. 6:1-3

"You cannot be persuaded it will work until you are convinced it is true."

I. WHAT FAITH IS: Heb. 11:1

- A. Substance: 5287 - **hupostasis** (hoop-os'-tas-is)
a setting under; to support
 - 1. 5259 - **hupo** (hoop-o') under; to place beneath
 - 2. 2476 - **histemi** (his'-tay-mee) to stand
- B. Evidence: 1650 - **elegchos** (el'-eng'khos) proof; conviction

II. HOW FAITH COMES: Rom. 10:17

- A. The Word -- Believe in the Word (Promises)
"I believe that."
 - 1. Faith to believe "in" -- Rom. 10:10
 - a. covenant will not break: Ps. 89:34
 - b. keep His Word: Deut. 7:9; Jer. 1:12
 - c. Word will not pass away: Mt. 24:35
 - d. not return void: Isa. 55:11
 - e. forever settled in Heaven
 - 2. Faith to believe "for" -- Rom. 10:10
 - a. believe for the promises
 - b. believe for the RESULTS

"To change one's belief, position and course of action."

III. BEING FULLY PERSUADED

- A. What He Had Said and Do: Rom. 4:20,21
- B. Believe That He Is and Rewarder: Heb. 11:6
- C. Believe With the Heart and Mouth: Rom. 10:9,10

THE FOUNDATIONAL PRINCIPLES

"Faith Toward God"

"The Circle of Experience"

- I. **THE WORD COMES** - Rom. 10:14, "How shall they believe in him who they have not heard?"
- II. **FAITH COMES** - Rom. 10:17 - "So then, faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God."
- III. **SATAN COMES** - Mk. 4:15; Lu. 8:12; Mt. 13:19
 - A. Why has he come? To test your faith in the Word! Not to test the Word - he knows the Word's true.
 1. Not to test the Word - it's proven!
 - a. Jas. 2:19, "the devils also believe and tremble"
 - b. Lk. 4:1-13 -- tempted of the devil - tested
 - c. Heb. 4:15 -- Jesus was tempted in all points
 - d. Col. 2:14-15; 1Jn. 3:8; Heb. 2:14; Acts 19:15
 2. For the Word's sake: to try your faith and try to get you off of the Word
Jas. 1:3 -- the trying of your faith
Not to see what the Word will do - but to see what you're going to do with the Word!
- IV. **PATIENCE COMES**
 - A. **Hupomone**: 5281 - cheerful (or hopeful) endurance; constancy
[5278] **hupomene**: to stay under (behind) remain; persevere;
have fortitude
The patience of Job - hupomone! Jas. 5:11
 1. Jas. 1:2-4
 2. Rom. 5:1-5
 3. Heb. 10:35-36
 4. Heb. 12:1
 5. Rom. 12:12, "patient in tribulation"
 - B. Why do we need patience? So you don't faint.
 1. Lk. 21:19, "in your hupomone possess ye your souls (psuche)."
 2. Ps. 27:13-14, "I had fainted unless I believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living."
 3. Gal. 6:9, "we shall reap if we faint not"
 4. Heb. 12:3, "consider him - lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds (psuche)"

TWO KINDS OF FAITH

(Heb. 6:1-3)

I. IICOR. 5:7

A. Walk in Faith

1. Basic to all Christians - Heb. 10:38
2. Foundation for the new creation - Eph. 2:8,9
3. Demands development inwardly

B. Walk by Sight (Appearance)

1. Five senses (knowledge)
2. Depends upon hearing through outward influences
3. ICor. 2:14

II. MENTAL ASSENT VERSUS REAL HEART FAITH

A. Heb. 11:1 - Amp.

1. Real bible faith is three things:
 - a. Now
 - b. Substance
 - c. Evidence
2. Faith is born from God's Word - Rom. 10:17

B. Mental Assent

1. Born out of being sense ruled - (Psuche)
2. Rom. 12:1,2 - IICor. 3:5
3. Not a problem to the world but to Christians. A treacherous counterfeit.

III. CHARACTERISTICS OF MENTAL ASSENT/SENSE RULED FAITH

A. Revealed in confession - Mt. 12:34

1. Mental assent agrees, admires, admits but never receives. The sense ruled mind does not settle down on the word and rest quietly. It says God's word is true and is willing to argue about the absolute integrity of it, yet it continually is repudiated in daily conduct. People who are in mental assent agree every word in the bible is true, that they believe every word of it, but when it comes to a crisis it doesn't work. They say, "it's beautiful, I know I should have it. For some reason I don't get it. I cannot understand it."
2. "But" is a keynote word in their vocabularies.
3. We know it contradicts real faith because Jesus said in Jn. 6:47, he that believeth hath.....

IV. CHARACTERISTICS OF REAL BIBLE FAITH

- A. Rom. 4:19 - Considered not His own _____... (Consider Heb. 3:1; 12:3)
- B. Jonah 2:8
- C. Ps. 112:6-8
- D. Rom. 10:10 - Real faith is of the heart/spirit (Faith is the result of the word dwelling in us)
- E. Faith says, "the only evidence I need is God's word, to know that he has spoken. Faith asks for no other evidence than the written word of God." Real bible faith trusts, believes, takes, receives, and gladly confesses "it's mine, I have it now." It quietly rests in assurance.

V. THE SECURING OF REAL BIBLE FAITH

- A. Prov. 4:20-22 - The word is life to us
 - 1. Sustains, strengthens, gives quiet rest, continues to give faith
- B. Tests and Trials
 - 1. Ps. 34:19 - many are the afflictions of the righteous...
 - 2. If you are trusting in God you are not trusting in anyone else.

FOUNDATIONAL PRINCIPLES
FAITH TOWARD GOD
DAIKRINO AND DISTAZO - DOUBT

I. DIAKRINO - DOUBT

A. WHAT IT IS

1. #1252 - **Diakrino** - to separate thoroughly, to withdraw from, oppose, to hesitate.
Translated - contend. Make to differ, doubt, judge, stagger, waver.
2. From #2919 - **krino** - to try, to condemn, to punish.
3. Diakrino doubt is taking the word to court.
4. It involves the person who stands at the "Y" with a decision to make. He has not decided on the word.

B. WHERE IT IS FOUND IN THE WORD

1. Rom. 4:20 - staggering
 - a. Diakrino comes through unbelief (apistia).
 - b. It is the product of unbelief.
 - c. Remedy apistia by receiving the word.
2. Jam. 1:5-8 - wavering (v. 6)
 - a. IKings 18:21 - How long halt ye? Between two opinions?
 - b. Doubleminded - double psuche
3. Mark 11:20-24 - doubt (v. 23)
 - a. Remove diakrino from your heart
 - b. Guard your heart always - Prov. 4:20-23

C. PROGRESSIVE UNBELIEF

1. Apistia + diakrino will lead to apeithia.

II. DISTAZO DOUBT

A. WHAT IT IS

1. #1365 - **Distazo** - to duplicate, waver in opinion, to think twice, to have a second thought. Translated doubt.
2. Distazo doubt is changing your conviction after you begin to walk by faith.

B. WHERE IT IS FOUND IN THE WORD

1. Matt. 14:22-31 - Doubt (v. 31)
 - a. What Peter saw (considered) resulted in his changed conviction.
 - b. Rom. 4:19 - consider not the five senses.
 - c. Heb. 3:1 - consider the one Christ Jesus.
2. Matt. 28:16,17 - Doubted (v. 17)
 - a. Even some of the disciples doubted, so guard your heart disciples!
 - b. Some worshipped, some doubted.

DOUBT AND UNBELIEF

Rom. 4:20,21

Lesson 1

I. DOUBT

Diakrino (dee-ak-ree'-no) to separate thoroughly; to withdraw from; or by implication to oppose

A. Dia - through; the channel

B. Krino - to distinguish; to decide; to try; to judge, TO HESITATE, to pause, be uncertain, be unsure

TRANSLATED:

1. to stagger - Rom. 4:20

2. to waver - Jas. 1:6

3. to doubt - Mk. 11:23

"To DIAKRINO is to be unsure which causes one to hesitate which causes one to withdraw from."

II. DOUBT

Distazo (dis-tad'-zo) to duplicate; to think twice, have a second thought; to reconsider; to question

A. Mt 14:22-33 (found in vs.31)

B. Mt 28:17

DOUBLE-MINDED - Jam. 1:5-8

TWO OPINIONS - 1Ki. 18:21

"Diakrino is one who starts with two directives. He is at the CROSSROADS or "Y".
Distazo is one who starts with one direction but later reconsiders."

Say: **Leg'o** - to lay forth, a set discourse; to mean, intend, to purpose; expect
Leg'o means: to lay forth, by the words of your mouth, the intended course of action which you mean or purpose, from your heart, to follow and receive.

DOUBT AND UNBELIEF

Rom. 4:20,21

"UNBELIEF"

Lesson 2

I. UNBELIEF

APISTIA (ap-is-tee'-ah) a want of faith; lacking trust or confidence in the informer

- A. Mt. 13:58 - Because Of Their Unbelief
- B. Mk. 6:6; 9:24; 16:14 - Help My Unbelief
- C. Rom. 3:3; 4:20 - Diakrino Through Apistia
- D. Heb. 3:12, 19 - Could Not Enter In

"The remedy for **apistia** is more Word. Faith cometh by hearing God's Word which removes **apistia**."

1. SEE but NOT ENTER - Jn 3:3,5

- a. TO SEE: is to know what is yours - to have revelation of inheritance
- b. TO ENTER: is to possess what is yours - to experience or receive inheritance

"TO SEE precedes TO ENTER, but TO SEE does not guarantee TO ENTER."

II. UNBELIEF:

APEITHEIA (ap-i'-thi-ah) to disbelieve, unpersuadable; disobedient, rebellious

- A. 1 Pet. 2:7,8 - Disobedient, unpersuadable
- B. Rom. 11:30,32 - All Were Concluded To Be
- C. Heb. 4:6, 11; Eph. 2:2; 5:6; Col. 3:6 - To Adhere to an Opinion, View, Statement, Purpose, or Course of Action in Spite of Reasons, Proof or Persuasions

This is called "The Spirit of Disobedience" -- not personality.

SEVEN KINDS OF THE GOD-KIND

Mk. 11:22

- I. FAITH THAT STAYS: Col. 1:23
- II. FAITH THAT SPEAKS: Rom. 10:6 (Rom. 4:17)
- III. FAITH THAT TAKES: Lk. 16:16
- IV. FAITH THAT RESISTS: IPet. 5:8 (Jas. 4:7)
- V. FAITH THAT FIGHTS: Jude 3; ITim. 6:12
- VI. FAITH THAT ACTS: Jas. 2:17-20
- VII. FAITH THAT PLEASES: Heb. 11:6
"Faith that is Found"
 - A. Praise
 - B. Honour
 - C. Glory

EXAMINING YOUR FAITH

II Cor. 13:5 (I Cor. 11:31)

Investigate - Inspect - Survey - Probe - Scrutinize - Dissect -
Interrogate - Question - Audit - Review

I. **LIVE BY FAITH:** Rom. 1:17; Gal. 3:11

To be alive - lively - quickened: derivative of Zoe

- A. New - Fresh Lifestyle and Outlook
- B. He is the Victorious: I Cor. 15:57
- C. He is the Overcomer: I Jn. 5:4,5
- D. He is the Triumphant One: II Cor. 2:14
 - 1. The trying of your faith: Jas. 1:2-4

II. **WALK BY FAITH:** II Cor. 5:7

- A. Not by Sight: II Cor. 5:7
- B. Looking not at the Seen: II Cor. 4:18
 - 1. The seen is temporal - subject to change
- C. Looking unto Jesus: (Looking Away) -- Heb. 12:1,2
 - 1. Consider Him: Heb. 12:3 (consider the Word)
 - 2. Consider not your Own: Rom. 4:17

III. **STAND BY FAITH:** II Cor. 1:24

Histemi: to continue with resistance

- A. Continue - Grounded - Settled - Not Moved: Col. 1:23; I Cor. 15:58
- B. Hold Fast (Grip It or Slip It): Heb. 10:23; (Heb. 2:1)
 - 1. Believe for awhile: Lk. 8:13
- C. Stand Therefore: Eph. 6

THE TRIAL OF YOUR FAITH

IPet. 1:6,7
"Faith on Trial"

I. TESTED - TRIED - PROVEN -- "Day in Court"

- A. The Trial of Faith - IPet. 1:7
- B. The Evil Day - Eph. 6:13
- C. Rains - Floods - Winds -- Mt. 7:24-27
- D. The Trying of Your Faith - Jas. 1:2-4

(Not your character, commitment, loyalty - endurance. It is not to see how much you can bear or suffer or how long you can take it before you break.)

II. IF NEED BE -- IPet. 1:6

- A. Prove What You Believe - IThess. 5:22
- B. Hold Fast What You Believe - IThess. 5:22

Word - Faith - Satan - Patience - Experience - Hope

"Does one believe? How much? How long?"

III. ACCUSED OF "LACK OF EVIDENCE" -- Rev. 12:10

- A. Day in Court - (FAITH -- Guilty or Not Guilty)
- B. Evidence Given
- C. Evidence Proven
- D. Lack of Evidence - Jas. 2:18
 - 1. No "eye" witnesses (no one ever saw)
 - 2. No one ever HEARD your FAITH

IV. CONTEND FOR THE FAITH -- Jude 3

- A. Resist - Jas. 4:7
- B. Withstand - Eph. 6:13

V. GUILTY OF -- IPet 1:7

- A. Praise
- B. Honour
- C. Glory

BELIEVE FOR AWHILE

"Rooted and Grounded"

I. BELIEVE FOR AWHILE (Without Patience, You Believe For Awhile)

- A. Lk. 8:13 - Believe for Awhile
- B. Lk. 21:19 - Possess Your Souls
- C. Col. 1:23-2:7 - Not Rooted and Grounded

II. TIME OF TEMPTATION - Fall Away

- A. Lk. 8:13
- B. Mt. 7:24-27
 - 1. Rain descended
 - 2. Floods came - Isa. 59:19
 - 3. Winds blew

III. PATIENCE UNDERGIRDS YOUR FAITH and Will Stabilize Faith's Position and Keep It On Course

- A. Patience - 1) hupo 2) mene
 - 1) under 2) to abide
 - 1. to remain in a fixed position
 - 2. to continue to believe
 - 3. to abide under faith and support it

IV. FAITH THAT PLEASES GOD

- A. Heb. 11:6
- B. Col 1:23 - Continue in the Faith; Grounded, Settled, Not Moved
- C. Col. 2:6,7 - Stablished in the Faith
- D. IPet. 1:6,7 - Faith found unto: Praise, Honour, Glory

**V. AFFLICTION AND PERSECUTION - BECAUSE OF THE WORD: Mk. 4;
Mt. 13:21**

"Faith does not need experience; the soulish realm does. Faith already is substance and evidence. All the proof or experience faith needs is God's Word."

VI. IN YOUR PATIENCE POSSESS YOUR SOULS: Lk 21:19

Possess: 2932 - **htaomai** (ktah'-om-ahee) to get; acquire; own, control

A. Lk. 8:13 - Believe for Awhile

MIND - WILL - EMOTIONS

"Patience stabilizes your thoughts, will or determination and emotions."