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Faith and the Unseen

Definition from the dictionary: Faith - allegiance to duty or a person's belief and trust in and loyalty to God, belief in the doctrine of a religion, a firm belief in something for which there is no proof.

Scripture defines faith in Hebrews 11:1 as: the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

When we walk into a dark room and turn the light switch on, we have faith that the light will come on (the substance of things hoped for, we haven't seen the light come on yet, so we have not seen the evidence yet.) We don't need faith (or hope) anymore when the light comes on because we now have evidence that the light switch works.

It is there but cannot be seen with the natural eye, for example, air, heat, cold. We can see the effects of these things, but we cannot see the things.

The unseen is the reality of the things around us; we do not see the Word of God, we do not see faith, we see the manifestation of these things. As Christians, we are called to walk "by faith." This involves focusing on realities that don't register on the five senses.

We do not see the Spirit; we do not see the breath that we breathe; we do not see the power of God; we only see the manifestation. Faith is the substance of these important, unseen things and that which gives us evidence of their existence.

So, the things that are not seen are what should concern us because they are the real things. We do not see the Lord, but He is all around us. We do not see the angels that camp round about them that love Him, but they are here nonetheless.

Our first concern in life should be these unseen truths and not allow ourselves to be distracted by natural things, circumstances, or problems in life.

Sometimes we want to get faith mixed up with things in the visible realm. The Bible plainly tells us that when a thing becomes tangible or temporal, it is no longer a matter of faith. When something hoped for is seen, it is no longer hope but rather a reality. So if we are to look into this matter of faith, we must look at unseen things.

We often confuse the operation of our faith with reliance upon natural things. For instance, when we believe God for finances, our faith is in God, not the finances He may bless us with. Therefore our relief is not when the need is met, but when the assurance comes that God is our provider whether we see the natural manifestation of our supply as yet.

The confusion of Bible-based faith and worldly presumption is a great problem in the church world today. Let us consider the thought that if we were going to invade or infiltrate an army, how would we come at our enemy, and if we were going to infiltrate the real move of faith and propagate something false, how would we go about it? We would infiltrate it by propagating something that looks like faith but is not really faith. This is why the Bible says, "Be not deceived, God is not mocked, that which a man soweth, that shall he also reap." So if we sow in faith, we will reap answers from God. If we sow a carnal substitute of faith, we will reap carnality and bondage in our lives.

The enemy has polluted much doctrine in Pentecostal circles with a false faith that fosters reliance in the natural realm rather than the pursuit of unseen realities in the Kingdom of God. Man is not our source; we are to call upon the unseen Lord who will provide for us from an unseen source of supply.

Ephesians 6:18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

If we pray as Ephesians 6:18 teaches and believe in the Lord to move on our behalf, He will surely meet our needs.

Without any great analysis, we can see how the enemy has infiltrated the Pentecostal movement and the Full Gospel movement with false faith today. The New Age movement has even come into our government, schools, even right on in to many churches.

False faith does not call upon God; it calls upon the power of the will and man's ability to manipulate circumstances with his own personality. In Luke chapter eighteen, Jesus speaks plainly about these matters, referring to the unjust judge.

Luke 18:6 And the Lord said, Hear what the unjust judge saith. 7 And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them? 8 I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?

The verse in Luke 18 speaks of an unjust judge who avenged a woman he didn't even care about. How much more will our Lord and our loving God meet our needs when we call out to him?

The Lord will answer those who call upon Him. The Lord is unseen. When we pray, we are calling to the unseen, and the only way we can do that in the Spirit is to let our inner man (who is unseen) call unto the unseen God. If we are shouting and striving in the flesh, we will not prevail. If we are praying in the flesh, we will fail.

We are to pray in the Spirit as **Ephesians 6:18** says, *Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;*

Jude 1:20 But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost,

In other words, this is the unseen spirit of man, crying to the unseen Spirit of God. This is genuine faith because faith is part and parcel of that which is unseen.

Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

We tend to look around us and only see temporal things that destroy our faith. We cannot learn or teach faith by putting men's affections on natural things or teaching men to think carnally and rely on natural solutions to spiritual problems.

Romans 8:6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

Luke 18:7 And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them?

If the unjust judge answered the woman who cried to him, how much more willing is our God to answer us when we cry out to Him? If we cry out to God in faith for our needs, He will answer.

The prophet Jeremiah agrees with this in chapter thirty-three.

Jeremiah 33:3 Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.

What the Lord is saying in Jeremiah is that He is going to show us the unseen. 1 Corinthians 2:14 says, But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

So the natural man cannot see spiritual things with his natural eyes.

But 1 Corinthians 2:10 says, But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

This is the deep (or unseen) part of us calling out to the deep inside of God. Jesus goes on to say

in **Luke 18:8,** "I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?"

Jesus indicates here that the real faith is going to be very scarce in the end times. No wonder Jesus spoke this assurance to the end-time church in Luke chapter twelve.

Luke 12:32 Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

The kingdom referred to here is the kingdom of God. Romans 14:7 tells us what the kingdom is that God will give us.

Romans 14:17 For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

We cannot see the kingdom He is talking about because it is within us. We should not be following the big crowd or natural things. "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." The greatest truths might be found in a small country church taught by a simple backwoods preacher. We must learn to judge with righteous judgment rather than operating according to the "herd instinct" of the world.

It is often in the big churches, the mega-churches, where they have strayed from true faith and true spiritual (unseen) things, operating in the natural, wanting to please man and not God. Some teach things that please man that do not bring conviction. They do not preach the kingdom of God; righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

Paul ties into this in Philippians chapter three.

Philippians 3:1 Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you, to me indeed is not grievous, but for you it is safe. 2 Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the concision. 3 For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the Spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh.

There is much deceit operating in the church world today. The evil workers look honest on the surface, but we must look into the unseen realm with spiritual discernment and expose these things.

Believers cannot approach life the way the world does. All the world sees is the natural. In the world, "seeing is believing," but in Christ, faith believes what it cannot see. There is no need for faith, if it is not used to believe and have peace that God will provide something that hasn't arrived yet. Faith is a confident expectation in a time of need that our God will deliver the answer despite how bad things look to the natural eye, according to that which is seen.

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We are spotlighting one of Rev. Leslie Buckners' books this month called "Repairing the Breach & Restoring the Paths". We will be providing an excerpt from this featured book. Many more are still available.

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What Is A Breach?

I want to talk about a breach here just a bit before we go any farther. Do you know what a breach is? A breach is a hole in something or a gap, that other things can get thru. How many of you remember that you made God a promise? How many people do you know that have breached that promise?

I can remember when I was young, if a man promised a woman he would many her, and he didn't they could sue for breach of promise. How many setting here have breached a promise, what we have promised God.

What is a breach? I looked it all up, I got my dictionaries and I looked it up, I wanted to be sure what a breach was.

A breach leaves a hole or a gap that the ene breach is a violation as of the law or obligat contract or vow. A breach is a violation, obligation or promise. Some of you don't us know, but let an old man that has been in this built something share with you. My record do you can let yours show defeat if you want to, b going to show defeat.

At one time I used this song as my theme, Lord and the power of his might, Tve got on it God. I'm gonna win every battle that I fight Lord and the power of his might. Listen to it.

A breach, remember all this, a breach is vio or obligation or a promise such as a cont violation, when you violate something you It the enemy can come in anyway because it is a or a breach of promise, a breach of a vow.

We Must Do What We Say We Will Do

A breach of an obligation. When a minister applies for credentials with Bible Way Association they put down that they will pay their tithes monthly, they will attend meetings, they will do this and do that, and that is all you ever hear from them anymore. How many thinks you can have confidence in a preacher like that? There are going to be some drastic changes made in Bible Way. I mean some drastic changes, we are going to do what we say we are going to do or we are going to be O-U-T, and I would like for you to tell all those that are not here that is what we are going to do the are going to do blightions, when we make a promise we are going to do it. When we make a vow we are going do it. When we make a contract we are going to do!!!!

Repairing the Breach & Restoring the Paths



24 Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of ithem, I will liken him unto a wise man, which upon a rock: 25. And the rain descended, and the d the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it was founded upon a rock. 26. And every one that ayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be oolish man, which built his house upon the sand: n descended, and the floods came, and the winds upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall stand because of that breach.

gap in a solid structure, when you get a gap in a ou have a big problem. Now I have four men that me down here and they are going to stand and hese four men are going to represent "us", they ey are strong men. I want these guys to get right center of this place, and I want them to form a their hands together tightly. They are in unity, they have power to resist, they have joined forces watch as I my to breach their circle. I'm pushing

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Adult Bible Studies

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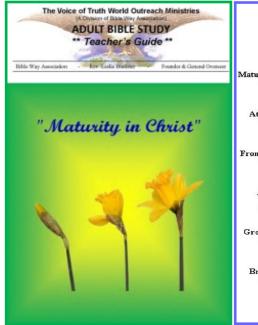
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Ephesians 4:11-16

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I Corinthians 1:1-4

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I Corinthians 1:1-13

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Colossians 1:27-28

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James Bible

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Can God Trust You?
Scripture References
James 1:18, Romans 8:19, Romans

8:14

Lesson 9

Growing Into Maturity Pt 1

Scripture References
James 1:18, Galatians 4:1-6

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Scripture References
James 1:18, Galatians 4:1-6

Lesson 11
Growing Into Maturity Pt 3
Scripture References
James 1:18, Galatians 4:1-6

Lesson 12
Our Freedom In Maturity
Scripture References
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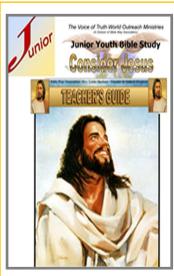
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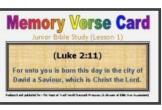
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- 8. Words Spoken
- Who Do You Help
- 10. Joseph, Son of Jacob
- 11. Beyond Healing- Jesus the Teacher

Featured Lessons -"Consider Jesus"







This quarter we will study, Jesus Christ our Saviour Open your bible to Luke 1:26-27 and read together.

Luke 1:26-27

28 - And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galiee, named Nazareth, 27 - To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was

SCRIPTURE REVIEW

Luke 2:11

11 - For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the lord.

SPIRITUAL LIFE LESSON

In the beginning:

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Matthew 1:18-21
18 - Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise:
When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the
Holy Ghost.
19 - Then Joseph her husband, being a just man. and

Holy Ghost.

19 - Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily.

20 - But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, surjourseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee May thy wife; for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.

21 - And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sists.

Joseph and Mary were to be married, but before this hap-pened she was found with a child of the Holy Ghost. Jo-seph, being a just man, did not want to make her a public example, so he was going to put her away as custom

where let was timining about not and aright or the bott appeared to him in a dream and explained all, telling Jo-seph to keep Mary as his wife. The angel also said Mary would have a son and he was to be named Jesus for he shall save his people from their sins.

Luke 1:30-32

And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou

30 - And the anglet said unto the Pear Indi, wally to thou hast found favour with God. 31 - And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. 32 - He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:

or his state Layou:

Many could not understand how this could be, but the angel explained it all. The angel also told her that her cousin Ekzabeth was going to have a son. Ekzabeth was of an old age and was in the sidth morth of pregnancy. People had thought Ekzabeth could not have childen. Many went to see her cousin. When Many entered Ekzabeth's home, se soke and said, "my soul does many the love of the country of the co

Joseph had to return to Bethlehem (because he was of the house and lineage of David.] Mary and her husband Joseph traveled a long way to be taxed.

There were a lot of people there and all the rooms at the inn were taken. The only place for Mary and Joseph was in the barn with the animals. After Jesus was born he was wrapped in swaddling clothes and lay in a manger.

Is life fair? When you think that life is not fair and you want things like other people have...consider Jesus.

DEFINITIONS

ESPOUSED=engaged to be married MANGER=feeding trough for animals. BARN=a home for animals SWADDLING=cloth wrap

Memory Verse

Luke 2:11 - For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

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- 5) On the Wings of the Great Speckled Bird
- 6) Blow Ye the Trumpet
- 7) I Saw the Light
- 8) Coming Soon
- 9) Life's Railway To Heaven
- 10) March Around the Throne
- 11) The Great Speckled Bird
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In Loving Memory



Rev. Lana Hutsell 1960-2021

Rev Lana Hutsell, the wife of Rev. Robert Hutsell, joined Bible Way Association as a licensed minister of the Gospel in 2015. Her and her husband have worked together to pastor the Praying Hands Bible Way Assembly church

located in Louisiana Missouri. Brother & Sister Hutsell have been married for over 40 years and were an excellent team in the ministry.

She will be greatly missed by all who have known her.

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