

FAITH IN-OF GOD  
(MARK 11:22-26)

Read Mark 11:22-26 and John 12:50. You see in the John passage that Jesus only spoke what the Father told Jesus. The Father is the most trustworthy source there is. God's word is truth (Jn. 17:17). God cannot lie (Titus 1:2). It is impossible for God to lie (Heb. 6:18). So you can definitely put your faith **in** God; if the Father tells you to speak something that the Father says will come to pass, then that will come to pass.

A new English word is needed here; it is "in-of". That is the combination of the word "in" and the word "of". Now that this new word is known, I believe the proper translation of Mark 11:22B is "Have faith in-of God." We are to be like Jesus in that whatever we speak that is what the Father told us to speak. So when the Father tells us to pray (speak) for this certain thing to come to pass, then we have faith **of** God. God is the source of our faith that we are to pray (speak) for that certain thing. We have set our faith that we are to pray (speak) that based exclusively on the source God. Since God is the source of that faith we have faith **in** God that what God asked us to pray (speak) will come to pass. Hence, we have faith **in-of** God.

"For assuredly, I say to you whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes those things that he says will be done, he will have whatever he says (Mark 11:23)." Note a key is believing whatever we say will be done. If whatever we say will be done, then what is said to the mountain will be done. When a person is like Jesus as recorded in John 12:50 where he speaks only what he hears from the Father, for sure that person can believe whatever he says will be done because he is speaking what the Father said. That way he can have no doubt in his heart about this matter or any matter. Two keys are (1) believing whatsoever we say on any matter will be done and (2) having no doubt in his heart whatsoever on any matter. This across the board believing and no doubting then get applied to the specific prayer (speaking) to the mountain or any specific matter God says to speak.

James backs up this need, this prerequisite, of having across the board faith and across the board no doubting in order to get specific results. "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. But let him

ask in faith with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man unstable in all his ways (James 1:5-7)." Notice that doubt in one area is like a bad leaven that spreads to where the person does not receive anything from the Lord including the specific thing of wisdom that he was asking for.

"Therefore, I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray believe that you will receive them, and you will have them (Mark 11:24)." At the moment you pray for a thing at that moment believe that you receive it and then in the future you will have it (it could be the immediate future or future where patience is required). It is like this huge round rock is on a tall hill overlooking a town. If that huge rock was pushed from its fixed position it would start rolling down the hill, in a short time it would be at the bottom of the hill rolling with great force and cause great damage to the buildings of the town. At the moment the huge rock was pushed from its fixed position a person could rightly believe that town was going to experience great destruction in the future; it was inevitable. On the good side when we believe we have received at the moment we pray (because we are praying what God has led us to pray and we have no doubt in our heart whatsoever in us), then it is inevitable in the future we will have what we pray for.

"And whenever you stand praying if you have anything against anyone, forgive him and your Father who is in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses. But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses (Mark 11:25-26)." This is like Jesus is saying, okay I have instructed you how to pray in faith and receive, now stand up and pray like I have taught you...oh yeah, and if you have anything against anyone forgive him. Receiving what is prayed for is linked to forgiveness from the heart. So you are to believe in your heart, have no doubt in your heart, and forgiveness to all from the heart. A famous preacher that signs and wonders followed had a lady come up to him and ask why God did not heal her yet someone else she knew was generally rapidly healed. The preacher asked her if the woman that received her healing was forgiving. She replied that oh yes, she forgives very quickly. The lady asking the question admitted that she was slow on forgiveness and possibly held grudges.

Soooo....have faith **in-of** God, pray what led by the Spirit of God to pray for, believe everything you say will be done, have no doubt in your

heart on any matter, when you pray believe that you receive, and be quick to forgive.....then you will have.

So if you want your prayers to be able to truly help people, do the preceding.