

## The Power of Faith To Save

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Luke 18:35-43, vs. 42

Intro. A. Faith in God is an absolute spiritual necessity.

1. Our relationship to God comes by faith.
2. Our service to God is by faith.
3. Our contentment in this life is by faith.

B. What then is faith? - Heb. 11:1-6

Heb. 11:1 1. "faith is" = πίστις = "firm persuasion," "the conviction which is based upon hearing, not upon sight, or knowledge; a firmly relying confidence in what we hear from God in His word." Rom. 10:17 "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God".

2. When we hear God's word, aided by His Spirit, we accept it in its totality as fact. This belief is our faith.

3. Faith is never defeated. Even in seeming failure, it is victorious.

4. The three Hebrew men. Dan. 3:17-18

C. What does faith do?

Vs. 1 1. It becomes a platform or foundation upon which we must stand in order to have hope. = ἐλπίζομεν "things expected to come in the future" "a gladly and firmly held prospect of a future good". His coming, rewards, etc. These are things the Hebrews would lose (rewards) by going back into Messianic Judaism.

"Substance" = ὑπόστασις = "what is set or stands under" "underlayer", "foundation", "that which is the foundation".

Vs. 1 2. "Evidence" = ἔλεγχος = "proof", "demonstration" "the evidence that proves a person is guilty of a crime".

Joh. 16:8, II Tim. 3:16 "Reprove" = convict

3. It is useful. "For by it" Vs. 2, 3, 4, 5

Vs. 4. You cannot please God without it. "impossible" = ἀδύνατος = "lacking power", "unable"