



You see, faith is not just about healing, but it is about our daily walk with the Lord; and, when the time comes, it is about walking on to be with the Lord Jesus Christ when He calls us home. It is about the walk with Jesus here on earth, but it is also about walking on in faith, trust, believing in the Lord Jesus Christ having given His life a ransom for us on the Cross of Calvary, that one day we will have a home with Him - and all for His glory.

After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb. And all the angels stood round about the throne, and [about] the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God, Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, [be] unto our God for ever and ever. Amen. And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes (Rev 9.7-17).

Who have you failed to invite to

"come and go with me to that Promised Land!"?

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Come apart and rest (Mark 6.31).

Mighty in the Word

For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; But unto us which are saved it is the power of God" (I Cor. 1.18).

Edifying the Body of Christ (Eph. 4.10-16)

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If Heaven's Not My Home, Lord, What Will I Do?

The writer of the Book of Hebrews writes beautifully of a truth that I believe should incline our hearts to the Lord Jesus Christ in these days that lie before us. One experience that Abraham had, and many great saints that have gone before us, has been weakened in the followers of the Lord. No, not all but most of us have heard said over and over: God gave me a brain to work things out! There are many sayings that have brought us to look to ourselves as we may be intimidated by those *brilliant* souls that seemingly understand all things, and are in charge of all things in their lives.

By Faith . . .

Interestingly, I just opened one of my Bibles to look up the word *faith*, and it opened to the following verse:

Luk 8:48 And he said unto her, Daughter, be of good comfort: thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace.

But let us go to the Old Testament where I found the following in The Book of Deuteronomy (32.19-25).

Deu 32:20 And he said, I will hide my face from them, I will see what their end [*shall be*]: for they [*are*] a very froward generation, children in whom [is] no faith.

These are a people who have no trust in the living God; they go on in their own way doing what they want at their own understanding, believing in their own strength, their own ways.

Hab 2:4 Behold, his soul [*which*] is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith.

These are a people who walk with fidelity, steadfastness in their God, the Lord God of Israel. So the question is, Wherein lies your faith? In the Living God or in yourself, your understanding?

I have often heard the passage from James, Chapter Five, explained that the Lord gave us an intellect and we are to use it. When the Lord said what He did in this passage, He was not saying not to see a physician, but on the contrary. The Lord has given us a brain to use, and being knowledgeable we know that faith is in ourselves, and will guide us to physician.

Faith is to be in God working in us through the physician.

I do not have answers in the day in which we are living, but - but I believe we have brought ourselves to where we are: a **faithless** generation whose faith is in ourselves - not the Lord God.

James 5:13 Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms.

James 5:14 Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord:

James 5:15 And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.

"Faith is a conviction of the truth of anything, belief; in the NT of a conviction or belief respecting man's relationship to God and divine things, generally with the included idea of trust and holy fervour born of faith and joined with it." (Thayer)

Let me confess to you there have been times in my life I have seen and experienced the healing power of the Lord physically, and other times, when I believe faith in me is lacking that I have not received healing. Oh, there is a hymn that has the words, "I am weak, but thou (Lord God) art strong."

Faith is dealing with physical healing, yes, but healing in every aspect in our lives. It also is dealing with trusting the Lord to guide us if our hearts are turned to Him, and we are walking in obedience to Him.

Proverbs 3:5,6 is a passage that teaches us about faith.

Pro 3:5 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

Pro 3:6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

Trusting in the Lord with all thine heart is a faith that cannot be broken. Oh, that we might have faith one for another and pray one for another more and more in these days that lie before us. I am writing of a life lived in the Lord's will that He shall accomplish His will in us and all for His glory.

I recall some *church-goers* saying to me, "Well if you had had faith, your husband would not have died." I am not talking about "speak it - and it will happen." Let us be careful:

Pro 3:7 Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil.

This attitude of the *holy ones* who seem to have it all together outwardly does not align with the Gospel reading below. Faith is a walk we must make, but also it must be within the body of Christ, walking together.

Mark 2:3 And they come unto him, bringing one sick of the palsy, which was borne of four.

Mark 2:4 And when they could not come nigh unto him for the press, they uncovered the roof where he was: and when they had broken *[it]* up, they let down the bed wherein the sick of the palsy lay.

Mark 2:5 When Jesus saw **THEIR** faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee.

It may seem that I am side-tracked; however, let us move forward in looking to the City of God. I recall in my younger years how wonderful it was, how glorious it was, when we heard the Word preached about "Going Home," and

experiencing the Lord Jesus Christ, being in His presence with the body of Christ. Oh, the joy that was within, that came forth in our praising the Lord Jesus Christ knowing we have a home in heaven with the Lord, knowing that one day we, those who know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, will sit around the throne, will feast at the Marriage Supper of the Lamb.

Heb 11:8 By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.

Heb 11:9 By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as *[in]* a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise:

Heb 11:10 For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker *[is]* God.

Heb 11:11 Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised.

Heb 11:12 Therefore sprang there even of one, and him as good as dead, *[so many]* as the stars of the sky in multitude, and as the sand which is by the sea shore innumerable.

Heb 11:13 These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of *[them]*, and embraced *[them]*, and **confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth**.

Heb 11:14 For they that say such things declare plainly that **they seek a country**.

Heb 11:15 And truly, if they had been mindful of that *[country]* from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned.

Heb 11:16 But now they desire a better *[country]*, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city.

Heb 11:17 By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten *[son]*,

Heb 11:18 Of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called:

Heb 11:19 Accounting that God *[was]* able to raise *[him]* up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure.

Heb 12:22 But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels.

Heb 12:23 To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,

Heb 12:24 And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than *[that of]* Abel.

Oh, read about the church triumphant in heaven (Rev 19:1-10). Oh, how glorious is thy Name, O Lord, in all the earth.

Rev 19:7 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for **the marriage of the Lamb is come**, and his wife hath made herself ready.

Rev 19:8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: **for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints**.

Rev 19:9 And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed *[are]* they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.

Oh, are we ready for that day to come? Do you have the faith to continue walking on in faith, faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, that a place has been prepared for you?