

FAITH IS MOVED BY WHAT IT SEES

INTRO

As long as it is important to please God, it is important to understand and have faith Hebrews 11:6. Living by faith is a constant fight against the natural. It is a constant fight to live by what God says over living by what you see and feel physically. We are not to be moved by what we see physically, but faith is to be moved by what it sees spiritually. Faith does see.

I. Faith Has Nothing to Do with Physical Sight or What You See Physically Hebrews 11:1.

- A. Faith has to do with two things:
 - 1. Things hoped for.
 - 2. Things not seen.
 - 3. Faith is the substance (guarantee, assurance, confidence) of what you hope for.
 - 4. Faith is the evidence (proof, conviction, certainty, sign, and sure persuasion) of what you cannot see.
- B. Faith is believing whether you see it or feel it physically John 20:24-29. Faithless—"I must see it physically; I must feel it physically to believe."
- C. "We walk by faith and not by sight," 2 Corinthians 5:7. This speaks of physical sight.

II. Faith Is Moved by What It Sees Spiritually or Inwardly 2 Corinthians 4:18.

- A. This verse brings to view the two realms we must keep separate if we are to live by faith.
 - 1. Physical, seen realm, and physical sight.
 - 2. Spiritual, unseen realm, and spiritual sight.
 - a. There is a realm that exists which was before this physical seen world existed Hebrews 11:3.
 - b. We look at things not seen through the eye of faith.
 - 3. "The spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him" causes the eyes of our understanding (heart, the inward man) to be enlightened Ephesians 1:17-18.
- B. Faith speaks Mark 11:23; 2 Corinthians 4:13; faith acts James 2:17, 20, 22; but faith sees.
- C. Faith is faith when it sees inside what God says more than what it sees outwardly.
- D. The spirit in us allows us to know things and see things beyond what our five physical senses tell us 1 Corinthians 2:12.

III. Hearing the Word Allows You to Spiritually See or Have a Picture Painted Inside.

- A. Word of God is like paint.
- B. Holy Spirit is like the artist.
- C. Our heart is like the canvas.
- D. As we meditate in the Word and hear the Word of God over and over, the Word creates or paints an inner picture we can see spiritually; or something is revealed to us inwardly, giving us spiritual sight Joshua 1:8; Psalm 1:1-3.
- E. We see this principle of "faith sees" with Moses "By faith he endured as seeing Him who is invisible," Hebrews 11:28.
- F. We see this principle with Abraham, "Who against hope (natural hope) believed in hope (Bible hope or spiritual hope)," Romans 4:12-23. What God said painted a picture (hope) in him and hope deals with the unseen Romans 8:25.
 - 1. God used visual aids to help Abraham see, "Thy seed as the dust of the earth," Genesis 13:14-17.
 - a. "Look now toward heaven and tell the stars," Genesis 15:4, 5.
 - b. "I will multiply thy seed as the stars of heaven," Genesis 22:17.
 - 2. All these helped paint a picture inside of Abraham.

- a. The Word of God can paint pictures in us.
 - b. Words paint pictures, and we think in pictures.
- C. God used this with Joshua "See, I have given you the city," Joshua 6:1. What God said painted a picture inside Joshua, which was different from what he could see physically Joshua 6:1.