

Faith Grows in God's Presence

by David Wilkerson

True faith is born out of intimacy with Christ and is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Scripture: Isaiah 55:6, Matthew 6:33, Luke 18:8, John 15:5, Hebrews 11:1-2, Hebrews 11:4-5, Hebrews 11:7-8, James 4:8

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Description

David Wilkerson emphasizes that true faith is rooted in intimacy with Christ, contrasting it with the corrupted faith prevalent in today's church, which often focuses on personal gain and materialism. He reflects on Jesus' question in Luke 18:8 about whether He will find faith on earth, suggesting that much of what is called faith today is not acceptable to God. Wilkerson encourages believers to seek a deeper relationship with the Lord, as true faith is born from spending time in His presence. He cites examples from Hebrews 11, highlighting that the great figures of faith had personal connections with God. Ultimately, he calls for a yearning for a closer walk with the Lord to cultivate genuine faith.

Transcript

Jesus asked a question in Luke 18:8: "Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?" I have always wondered at this question. What could the Lord mean? As I look around at the Church today, I think no other generation has been more focused on faith than ours.

Everyone seems to be talking about faith; seminars and conferences on faith are held across the country; books on the subject line the shelves of Christian bookstores. We have faith preachers, faith teachers, faith movements, even faith churches. Yet, sadly, what most people consider faith today isn't faith all and God will reject much of what is being called and practiced as faith. He simply won't accept it. Why? Because it is corrupted faith.

Many preachers today totally humanize the topic of faith, describing it as if it exists only for personal gain or to meet self-needs. "If you can dream it, you can have it." This is earthbound, materialistic, and rooted in this world.

My message to those who truly love Jesus and want to live by faith in a way that pleases him is this: All true faith is born out of intimacy with Christ. In fact, if your faith doesn't come out of such intimacy, it isn't faith at all in his sight.

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For by it the elders obtained a good testimony" (Hebrew 11:1-2).

Several people of faith are mentioned in Hebrews 11 and we find a common denominator in their lives. Each had a personal, intimate relationship with the Lord. We see Abel (11:4); Enoch (11:5); Noah (11:7); and Abraham (11:8). All these men died in faith -- the world simply was not their home.

Does your heart yearn for a closer walk with the Lord? Is there a growing dissatisfaction within you with the things of this world? Then seek the Lord himself! Spend time in his presence and your faith will grow.

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