

The Measure of Faith

by Robert Haldane

The measure of faith given to us by God determines our character and standing among other believers.

Scripture: Romans 12:3, 1 Corinthians 4:7, Galatians 2:20, Ephesians 2:8, James 2:26

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Description

Robert Haldane preaches on the importance of humility and self-awareness, as outlined in Romans 12:3, emphasizing the need for believers to accurately assess themselves based on the measure of faith given to them by God. He explains that faith is the key to our relationship with Christ and the reception of God's blessings, highlighting that the level of faith each believer possesses reflects their standing before God and among fellow believers. Haldane stresses that faith, in all its degrees, is a gift from God, and believers should not boast in themselves but recognize that their faith is a divine endowment.

Transcript

"For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith" (Rom. 12:3).

God hath given us here, by the Apostle, a standard by which we may measure ourselves. Of the term 'faith' in this place, various explanations are given; but that it simply means faith in its usual acceptation throughout the Scriptures, as this is the most obvious, so it appears to be its true import. By faith we are united to the Saviour, and by faith is received out of His fulness all that is imparted to us by God.

The measure, then, of faith, with which each believer is blessed, whether strong faith or weak, great faith or little, indicates with certainty both his real character before God, and his relative standing among other believers. According, therefore, to his faith, as evidenced by his works, every Christian ought to estimate himself. The man who has the greatest faith is the highest in the school of Christ.

We here also learn that not only faith, but every degree of it, is the gift of God; for men believe according as God hath dealt to each of them the measure of faith; and 'unto every one of us is given grace, according to the measure of the gift of Christ.' By the consideration of the manner in which the Apostle thus enforces his admonition, the believer will both be moderated in his own esteem, and also in his desire for the esteem of others. He will consequently be much less exposed to encounter what may inflame his pride, or tend to his discouragement.

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