

The Midas Touch

by Thomas Brooks

Faith is the most useful grace in a Christian's life, enabling us to please God and turn His promises into our good.

Scripture: Ephesians 2:8, Hebrews 11:6

Topics: "Living By Faith", "The Power of Faith"

Description

Thomas Brooks emphasizes the vital role of faith in a Christian's life, describing it as essential for seeing, doing, speaking, and acting for Christ. He draws a parallel to King Midas, asserting that faith transforms everything it touches into spiritual gold, bringing good to the believer. Faith nourishes, strengthens, guides, and comforts, serving as a crucial grace that pleases God and validates all acts of worship and service. Without faith, all efforts in prayer, preaching, and charity are rendered ineffective. Brooks encourages believers to recognize faith as their most valuable asset in their spiritual journey.

Transcript

Faith is the most useful grace. It is a Christian's right eye, without which he cannot see for Christ; it is his right hand, without which he cannot do for Christ; it is his tongue, without which he cannot speak for Christ; it is his very vital spirits, without which he cannot act for Christ.

It is fabled of King Midas, that whatever he touched would be turned into gold. I am sure that whatever faith touches, it turns into gold, that is, into our good. If our faith touches the promises, it turns them into our good; whatever faith lays its hand upon, it appropriates to itself, and turns it into the soul's good. If faith looks upon God, it says, "This

God is my God forever and ever, and He shall be my guide
unto death!" When it looks upon Christ, it says, "My Lord
and my God!" When it looks upon the crown of righteousness,
it says, "This crown is laid up for me!"

Faith is . . .

bread to nourish us,

wine to cheer us,

a cordial to strengthen us,

a sword to defend us,

a guide to direct us,

a staff to support us,

a plaster to heal us,

a friend to comfort us, and

a golden key to open heaven unto us.

Faith, of all graces, is the most useful grace to the soul
of man. "Without faith it is impossible to please God."

All those services are lost, wherein faith has not a hand.

You may write 'loss' . . .

upon all the prayers you make, and

upon all the sermons you hear, and

upon all the tears you shed, and

upon all the alms you give,

if all are not managed by a hand of faith.

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