



WORD OF FAITH INT'L CHRISTIAN CENTER

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How Things Work, Part 7

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Psalm 138:2

Opening Summary

The Bible is the most important book. Yet, it is hated by those who hate God. In this lesson, we will discuss other values in the Word Christians must receive and by which Christians must live. We are not to mistake *faith* with *faith's mechanisms* – that which you use to access God's promises. Faith is learning of God's views and adopting them as your own, even to a point of standing for God when everyone else is not.

- I. What is living by faith about?
 - A. There is no difference between God and His Word – the truth (Psa. 138:2).
 - B. Rejecting part of the Bible is a personal rejection of God (Mat. 24:35).
 - C. God's Word removes chaos and brings order (Gen. 1:1-2; John 1:1).
 - D. Anything outside the Word brings disorder and chaos.

- II. Moses obeyed God and water came out of the rock (Exo. 17:5-6).
 - A. The Lord told Moses to speak to the rock, but Moses hit the rock (Num. 20:7-11).
 - B. God told Moses he could not go into the promised land, because to whom much is given, much is required (Num. 20:12; Luke 12:48; Rom. 9:15).
 - C. God expects you to grow.
 - D. Ten of the spies brought a negative report (Num. 13:32, 33).
 - E. Joshua and Caleb brought a good report (Num. 13:30).
 - F. Moses and Aaron did not stand up for God.
 - G. Unbelief leads one to shy away in front of a hostile crowd.

- III. Living by faith is adopting God's values instead of man's humanistic view (Heb 10:38).
 - A. One name for God's system is the Kingdom of God (Matt. 6:33).
 - B. It's up to Christians to learn the system, then operate in the system.
 - C. When you hear the Word, satan immediately comes to challenge it (Mark 4:15).
 - D. The Word is the basis for God's system (Rom 10:17; Mark 9:23).
 - E. Satan knows there is nothing he can do to stop the Word in the Christian's mouth.
 - F. The parable of the sower, Mark 4, is the most important parable in the Bible.

- IV. King Jehoshaphat (Southern Israel, aka Judah) gets into league with Ahab, the king of Israel (Northern Israel), that they may go to war together.
 - A. Jehoshaphat wants to ask the Lord about it (1 Ki. 22:7).

- B. The king of Israel hates Micaiah, the prophet in the land, because he prophesies evil to him (1 Ki. 22:8). The king of Israel was evil and refused to repent.
- C. He confused God and the man. He was hating God.
- D. Micaiah and King Ahab (1 Ki. 22:13-18).
- E. God gave him these words, because He loved him enough to correct him.
- F. In OT many prophets were killed, because the people didn't like what they said.

V. What does God say about man?

- A. God created them male and the female, nothing else (Gen. 1:26-27).
 - 1. God said nothing about skin color.
 - 2. When God started over, He had Noah take in one male and one female of every beast so they could multiply.
 - 3. On the Black Lives Matter website, we read that they are a Marxist organization. It is a transgender organization. It said their goal is to destroy the nuclear family (a father, a mother, children). They have since removed it from their website.
 - 4. There is chaos when you don't know what a man or a woman is.
 - 5. These systems are against God.
- B. What does God say about children?
 - 1. In Canada they have jailed a man for not acknowledging his daughter as a man. The school called the police. He has been sentenced for two years in prison for refusing to call his daughter a male.
 - 2. In socialistic terms children belong to the state. The state tells parents how to raise them despite what the Scripture says (Eph 6:3, Pro. 22:6).
 - 3. That's where this country wants to go. That's the reason they push laws to allow minor children to have abortions.
 - 4. God said in Jer. 1:5: *"Before I formed thee ... I knew thee... I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations."*
 - 5. The children of Israel lost their land because they sacrifice children to Baal.
 - 6. In Mat. 18:6, we see Jesus' attitude toward children.

VI. Living by faith is not being silent about the gospel (Rom. 1:16-22).

- 1. There's a clash between God's will and satan's will.
- 2. Living by faith is putting God and His ways above everything (Isa. 55:8-9).
- C. What does God say about the nation of Israel?
 - 1. God gave Canaan to the children of Israel thousands of years ago.
 - 2. King David made Jerusalem it's capital city 3,500 years ago.
 - 3. So how can they be illegitimate occupiers of the land God gave them?
 - 4. The entire Bible revolves around Jews and Jerusalem.
 - 5. Jews gave us the Scripture.
 - 6. The Messiah is a Jew.
 - 7. Israel is from the beginning to the end of the Bible
 - 8. In The Revelation, things end up at the battle of Armageddon (Jerusalem).

9. The new Jerusalem will be the capital city of the world. Israel becomes the capital nation of the world.

D. Slavery was the norm during the times of Jesus.

1. In the first century, Paul and Peter wrote a letter to slaves.
2. In Egypt, the children of Israel were slaves.
3. Abraham had slaves (Gen. 17:23).
4. Should we remove every reference to Abraham in the Bible?
5. God has always used imperfect people to move forward; no one's perfect.

E. There is a steep price to pay for the sin of slavery.

1. In America, an estimated 750,000 people were killed in the Civil War.
2. There was at least one man killed in every house in America.
3. It took the South 100 years to recover.

VII. Among the people of Noah's generation, he was righteous (Gen. 6:8-9).

- A. The following example is not about slavery, but norms of a generation.
- B. In my generation, people believe Michael Jordan was the greatest basketball player of all time.
- C. In my sons-in-law generation, they believe LeBron James was the greatest basketball player of all time.
- D. Each generation played by different rules; you cannot compare the two.
- E. Do we strip the Pistons of their titles because the rules changed? No.
- F. Neither should we remove the Abraham Lincoln monument; he abolished slavery.

VIII. What about hating evangelical Christians?

- A. An evangelical Christian tells others about Jesus (Mat. 28:18-20; Mar. 16:15-18).
- B. Satan's goal is total domination of the earth, but Christians stand in his way.
- C. In 2 Thes. 2:5-7, "He" refers to the church, the body of Christ (Eph. 1:22-23).
- D. Satan cannot raise up an anti-Christ, until the church is caught away.

IX. Living by faith is receiving God and His Word as the highest and only legitimate answer in life, courageously standing up for Him and His Word, applying God's five elements of faith for your personal life.

X. Heb. 11 is faith's Hall of Fame: They are the ones who lived by faith.

XI. Be reminded to cast your care upon the Lord, Who cares for you (1 Pet. 5:6-7). God loves you, therefore He corrects you. He wants you to know how to get from under the curse (Pro. 26:2).

Closing Summary

We have seen that living by faith is far more than acquiring things for yourself. It is finding out how things work, learning to operate in God's system then living it out in our daily lives. Faith is learning of God's views and adopting them as your own, even to a point of standing for God when everyone else is not.