



## I. **James 2:17-26**

### A. Abraham BELIEVED God...

1. The Difference in Believing in God and Believing God (*A lot of people believe in God but they never see any real manifestation of His power in their lives...The question is not: "Do you believe in God?", but rather... "Do you believe God?"*)
2. What I want to show you today...is how Faith really works
  - You already know that Faith is the only thing in this world that pleases God!
  - When you understand the dynamics of faith and what it really is, you will realize that there is Never a "Plan B." (This is why there are so many failures when people try to receive....Faith doesn't fail them, they fail their faith!). (*"There are no faith failures; There are only unbelief failures. Faith Never Fails!"* – Unbelief Book page 25).

### B. **Hebrews 11:17-19**

1. Abraham believed God...what did He believe? He believed that when he sacrificed his son (only begotten), that God would raise Him back up!
2. **Genesis 22:5** *"Abraham said...me and the lad will return."*
  - When you believe God, your mouth will always be in line with your expectation....ALWAYS!
  - Most would say, "We are going up there and will see what happens."
  - Remember the blind man we discussed last week? Why did he leave his coat behind? If he had "plan B" in mind, he would have carried it with him.

## II. We have not Believed Him Enough

### A. Backwards Thinking

1. We think when we see or experience a miracle, then we say we have never seen something so spectacular and act as if it is rare and uncommon....God says, **"Miracles are my handiwork every moment and every day...Open your eyes and Believe!"**
2. Satan has deceived, manipulated, and controlled through his seeds of unbelief...(Controlled by what we see, what we hear, even by what we do...and all is in the palm of our hand, a predecessor of the mark of the beast).
  - Satan is just fine with people who believe in God...but he will do everything within his power to keep you from believing God!

- **Mark 16:17** – The truth: there are too many followers, but very few believers!

B. **Daniel 3:16-18**

1. Clearly one can see that they said, **"God is able and He will."** (Most believe He can, but have no faith in His will.)
2. The "If not" of vs. 18 has been a religious, devilish mis-interpretation for years...even songs are written around it.
  - Before you read the "if not" of vs. 18, you must first read the "if it be so" in vs. 17.
  - The 3 men did not say, "If God doesn't deliver us..."; they said...(vs. 17) "If that is the case..." (If you decide to throw us in the burning fire...) / (vs. 18) "If that is not the case..." (If you decide to not throw us in the fire...either way, know this: we will never bow down to your gods!").
3. When you believe God, you expect God...it's what the Bible calls "fully persuaded" in **Romans 4:21**.
4. Change your thinking...if you pay too much attention to what everyone else believes, you will start believing that also. "Save up for a rainy day" or "Save because you are being obedient to God so you can lend to others, and leave great wealth to your grandchildren."