



“Right Now Promises” part 3 May 18, 2025

I. **Matthew 8:1-3**

A. The Ability and Willingness of God

1. This is a big one when it comes to receiving God's promises:
 - Everyone believes God is able
 - But very few believe that He is willing
2. Jesus settled it forever: “I am willing...”
 - He is the same yesterday, today, and forever (**Hebrews 13:8**)
 - The question of “If” has forever been answered....God CAN and He WILL!

B. There's more to this story....

1. Leprosy is mentioned in the Bible 57 times. Biblical leprosy was an infectious skin disease that was visible to others, having different effects including nerve damage, scaliness of the skin, discoloration, and disfiguring of limbs (Miriam is a good example).
2. When a person had leprosy, they were considered an outcast, and it was unlawful for a leper to be in public.
3. Not only did Jesus heal the lepers, but in the healing, God restored their dignity and their place in society!

II. The Battle Between Faith and Unbelief

A. **Mark 16:14-20**

1. Faith Expects....Unbelief Wonders
 - Most people say they are believing (expecting), but the reality is they are only hoping.
 - How to tell the difference: Faith is in your heart while Hope is in your mind (I hope so...). When you believe something, you stand your ground, you fight for it because you know that you know. When you hope for something, you won't make the same stand because your mind is in control of your heart. (That one thing that stands between the heart and heaven....Physically and spiritually...the mind).
2. Sad to say....We have a lot of Christians but very few believers.....Maybe people just try to avoid the reality of truth: If there were a lot of believers, we would see a lot more devils cast out and a lot more healing today!

B. **Hebrews 3:17-19**

1. Faith is not hoping and wishing...IT is ACTIVELY BELIEVING!
2. What is Active Believing?
 - You have heard the statement: “**Your actions speak louder than your words?**”
 - Active Believing is “**Your Actions Speak in Agreement with God's Word!**”

C. **Matthew 17:14-20**

1. The disciples attempt to cast out a devil was because they had hope that it would work. Apparently, there was no authority behind their attempt. (This is why the prayer, “Lord if you are willing....” Never works! **(Find His Will, Pray His Will, Receive His Will!)**)
2. When Jesus spoke, He spoke with authority – (**Mark 1:22**).
3. He cast out spirits with His Word....**Matthew 8:16**.
4. Why did Jesus have Immediate Results?
 - He had faith!
 - Why do people have slow results if any results at all? Lack of faith (This places responsibility on you....but you can handle it....the results are worth the change.)
 - Your Faith Will Make You Whole (**Mark 10:48-52**) / Don’t get quiet when it comes to your promises; don’t stand down...Stand Up; Don’t relax...get in the fight and Receive!
 - What does Satan try to hinder in your life the most? Your Faith!
5. Now that we know the problem, let’s dig in and find the answers on how to eradicate unbelief....come back next week!