



“Right Now Promises” part 4 May 25, 2025

I. **Luke 17:11-19**

A. Recap on God's Ability and Willingness

1. If God's Willingness to save your soul was instantaneous, why wouldn't any other promises be the same?
2. The one thing that stands between our heart and the throne of God is our mind....the world's (enemy's) way of thinking is what stops the heart from fully believing!

B. Active Believing

1. Look carefully at this story and see the outcome of faith:
 - The 10 lepers were outcasts, but they knew if they could just get close enough to Jesus, there was a way!
 - Jesus did not turn them away...He gave them a command: *“Go show yourself to the priest...”* (ACT OF FAITH – Faith without works is dead – **James 2:17**).
 - As the lepers went, healing manifested....but for one of them, something greater took place – He alone worshipped Jesus and became whole (the difference between healing and wholeness).
 - Notice Jesus said, *“Your FAITH has made you whole....”* – Worship is a key to receiving and keeping your promises. (learn to worship before...)
2. You can always tell where your faith is by the actions that follow.
 - What is the first and most important action? Your Word! (Jairus: *“Don't be afraid, only believe....Don't say a thing....Keep your Word in line with God's Word”*. (Active Believing is “Your Actions Speak in Agreement With God's Word.”)
 - The next actions are what you do that are in agreement with what you said: Healed people act healed...Lepers went to the priest and as they went, they were healed; Naaman dipped himself in Jordan, a man who lost an axe head cried out to the man of God and the man of God threw a stick where it fell in the water; Moses lift up his rod and parted the red sea, Jesus said, *“Cast your net to the other side...”*, *“go fishing and pull out the coin out of the mouth of the fish...”* GIVE GOD SOMETHING TO WORK WITH

II. The Increase of Faith

A. **Luke 17:5-6**

1. Understanding Faith as a seed
2. Understanding Unbelief as a seed
3. **How does Faith come? How does unbelief come?**

B. Understanding The Seed – The Sower Sows the Word (Faith) / Satan sows Unbelief

1. Satan comes when? Immediately – he has always been and will always be after the seed! In the early church, persecution was what Satan used to try to stop the seed, but the seed prevailed....
2. Now, Satan tries to choke the seed so it cannot produce. His goal is to stop the seed from producing....that's all he cares about.
 - How does he do it? Voices!!!!
 - Everything has a voice....social media, people, T.V., family, radio, politics, mis-guided ministers, etc. but there is only one voice that leads you down the path of peace.
 - If we stopped all other voices from being able to speak in our hearts, the path to faith would be much easier...but that means something greater....which we will discuss next week: Sacrifice!