

"Why Faith?"

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- I. The "What" comes before the "Why" (What is Faith?)
 - A. Mark 11:20-24
 - 1. Have Faith in God...
 - 2. Persuasion, Conviction, Assurance, Belief
 - B. *Hebrews* 11:1
 - 1. "Faith is the assurance/confidence of things you earnestly expect; it is the proof/conviction of things not seen (by the natural eye)."
 - 2. "Have faith in God (Have assurance and confidence that when you come with bold expectation, you will always receive. Faith is all the proof you ever need to see!"
 - C. Romans 4:17-21
 - 1. Fully Persuaded Completely Convinced; Most Surely Believe
 - 2. Believe This is the key...If you believe it, you will receive it! (If you doubt it, you will do without!)

"As you have BELIEVED, so be it done unto you." (Matthew 8:13).

II. Why Faith?

- A. It is the only way to please God (*Hebrews 11:6*)
 - 1. MUST believe....that He is ("Is" agrees with what Jesus said.... "I AM!") Faith is not believing for tomorrow or some day...but "IS"... "Now Faith IS..."
 - 2. MUST believe...that He is a rewarder.... (Most people don't believe this all the time....they believe it when things are going good, but that's where there faith ends....Faith believes all the time!)
- B. Because God is Faithful
 - 1. God will never let you down; He will never leave you or forsake you; If God is for you, no one can stand against you!
 - 2. God is Faithful (Full of Faith)!
 - 3. Why Faith? Because that's Who He is!

[&]quot;Be it unto you according to your faith." (Matthew 9:29).