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Memory Verse: That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;

That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God. Ephesians 3:16-19

II. ¶ Let's look at the WHOLE ARMOUR of God - 2

D. The Shield of Faith

Ephesians 6:16 "Above all, taking the shield of _____, wherewith ye shall be able to _____ all the fiery _____ of the wicked."

Note: When self is hid in Jesus, we are shielded from the darts of the enemy. 7BC 908.1

1. What is faith? If this is the shield that protects us from Satan's fiery darts, is it very important that we know what it is and how to use it? YES NO

Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the _____ of things _____ for, the _____ of things not _____.

Note: When we speak of **faith**, there is a distinction that should be borne in mind. There is a kind of **belief** that is wholly distinct from faith. The existence and power of God, the truth of His Word, are facts that even Satan and his hosts cannot at heart deny. The Bible says that "the devils also believe, and tremble"; but this is not faith. Where there is **not only a belief in God's Word**, but a **submission of the will to Him**; where the **heart is yielded to Him**, the **affections fixed upon Him**, there is faith – faith that works by love and purifies the soul. Through this faith the heart is renewed in the image of God. FLB 90.4

It is not enough to believe about Christ; we must believe in Him. The only faith that will benefit us is that which embraces Him as a **personal Saviour**; which appropriates His merits to ourselves. Many hold faith as an opinion. **Saving faith is a transaction by which those who receive Christ join themselves in covenant relation with God.** Genuine faith is life. A living faith means an increase of vigor, a confiding **trust**, by which the soul becomes a conquering power. DA 347.1

Faith is trusting God – believing that He loves us and knows best what is for our good.

Thus, instead of our own, **it leads us to choose His way.**

In place of our ignorance, it **accepts His wisdom**;

in place of our weakness, **His strength**;

in place of our sinfulness, **His righteousness.**

Our lives, ourselves, are already His; **faith acknowledges His ownership and accepts its blessing.**

Truth, uprightness, purity, have been pointed out as **secrets of life's success.**

It is **faith** that puts us in **possession** of these principles. Ed 253.1

Faith, saving faith ... is the act of the soul by which the whole man is given over to the guardianship and control of Jesus Christ. He abides in Christ and Christ abides in the soul by faith as supreme. The believer commits his soul and body to God, and with assurance may say, Christ is **able** to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day. All who will do this will be saved unto life eternal. There will be an assurance that the soul is washed in the blood of Christ and clothed with His righteousness and precious in the sight of Jesus. HP 104.3

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Faith looks beyond the difficulties, and lays hold of the unseen, even Omnipotence, therefore it cannot be baffled. Faith is the clasping of the hand of Christ in every emergency. GW 262.1

Faith claims God's promises, and brings forth fruit in obedience. Presumption also claims the promises, but uses them as Satan did, to excuse transgression. DA 126.1

Through faith we receive the grace of God; but faith is not our Saviour. It earns nothing. It is the hand by which we lay hold upon Christ, and appropriate His merits, the remedy for sin. And we cannot even repent without the aid of the Spirit of God. DA 175.4

Faith is B_____ God and S_____ to His will.

It is a T_____ by which we join in C_____ relation to Him.

It is T_____ God and believing that He K_____ what is for our best good.

This causes us to C_____ His way instead of our own.

It is the act of giving our W_____ life to the guardianship and C_____ of Christ.

It looks beyond D_____ and takes His hand in E_____ emergency.

Faith claims God's promises and O_____ His word.

It is the H_____ by which we take hold of Christ and take His R_____ for sin.

2. Do we need faith to please God? **Hebrews 11:6** But without _____ it is _____ to please him: for he that _____ to God must _____ that he _____, and that he is a _____ of them that diligently _____ him.

Note: The follower of Christ must have faith abiding in the heart; for without this it is impossible to please God. **Faith is the hand that takes hold of infinite help; it is the medium by which the renewed heart is made to beat in unison with the heart of Christ.** MYP 102.3

Faith is needed in the smaller no less than in the greater affairs of life. In all our daily interests and occupations the **sustaining strength** of God becomes **real** to us through an **abiding trust**. Ed 255.1

Much of the faith which we see is merely nominal; **the real, trusting, persevering faith is rare.** Moses realized in his own experience the promise that God will be a rewarder to those who diligently seek Him. He had respect unto the recompense of the reward. Here is another point in regard to faith which we wish to study; God will reward the man of faith and obedience. **If this faith is brought into the life experience, it will enable everyone who fears and loves God to endure trials.** Moses was full of confidence in God because **he had appropriating faith.** He needed help, and he prayed for it, grasped it by faith, and wove into his experience the belief that God cared for him. **He believed that God ruled his life in particular.** He saw and acknowledged God in **every detail of his life** and felt that he was under the eye of the All-seeing One, who weighs motives, who tries the heart. **He looked to God and trusted in Him for strength to carry him uncorrupted through every form of temptation.** He knew that a special work had been assigned to him, and he desired as far as possible to make that work thoroughly successful. But he knew that **he could not do this without divine aid**, for he had a perverse people to deal with. **The presence of God was sufficient to carry him through the most trying situations in which a man could be placed.** 5T 651.3

God is pleased when we take hold of His i_____ help by faith.

He is pleased when our renewed H_____ beats in U_____ with His heart.

God will reward the man or woman of F_____ and O_____.

When we bring this faith into our life E_____ so that we L_____ and F_____ God it will enable us to E_____ trials.

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Moses had this faith and he B_____ that God ruled his own particular life.

He saw and A_____ God in every D_____ of his life.

He trusted in God for S_____ to carry him U_____

through every form of temptation.

He knew that He could not do his work without D_____ aid.

3. How can we KNOW that God created the world in 6 days?

Hebrews 11:3 Through _____ we _____ that the worlds were framed by the _____ of God, so that things which are _____ were not made of things which do _____.

4. How did the patriarchs relate themselves to the promises of God? **Hebrews 11:13**

These all died in _____, not having _____ the promises, but having _____ them afar off, and were _____ of them, and _____ them, and _____ that they were strangers and _____ on the earth.

Note: Never give up your faith and hope in God. Cling to the promises. Do not trust in your feelings, but in the naked Word of God. **Believe the assurances of the Lord.** Take your stand upon the plain 'Thus saith the Lord,' and rest there, feeling or no feeling. Faith is not always followed by feelings of ecstasy, but 'hope thou in God.' **Trust fully in Him.** UL 176.5

5. On what should our faith be based?

1 Corinthians 2:5 That your _____ should _____ stand in the wisdom of _____, but in the _____ of _____.

1 Peter 1:21 Who by _____ do believe in _____, that _____ him up from the dead, and gave him _____; that your _____ and _____ might be in _____.

Mark 11:22 And _____ answering saith unto them, Have _____ in _____.

Our faith and hope are in the P_____ of _____, not in the W_____ of men.

Note: No one can be justified by any works of his own. He can be delivered from the guilt of sin, from the condemnation of the law, from the penalty of transgression, **only by virtue of the suffering, death, and resurrection of Christ.** Faith is the only condition upon which justification can be obtained, and faith includes not only belief but trust. TMK 110.2

Faith is the medium through which **truth or error** finds a **lodging** place in the mind. It is by the same act of mind that truth or error is received, but **it makes a decided difference whether we believe the Word of God or the sayings of men.** When Christ revealed Himself to Paul and he was **convinced** that he was persecuting Jesus in the person of His saints, he **accepted** the truth as it is in Jesus. A **transforming power** was manifested on mind and character, and he became a **new man** in Christ Jesus. **He received the truth so fully that neither earth nor hell could shake his faith.** 2MCP 539.3

Our faith is not in feeling, but **in truth.** None of us need flatter ourselves that while the **world** is progressing in **wickedness** we shall have no **difficulties.** 2SM 157.2

It is these very **difficulties** that **bring us** to the audience chamber of the Most High, to **seek counsel** of the One who is infinite in wisdom. **He loves to have us seek Him; He loves to have us trust Him and believe His Word.** If we had no perplexities, no trials, we would become self-sufficient and lifted up in ourselves. The true saints will be **purified**, and **made white**, and **tried.** 2SM 157.3

The word of God must be interwoven with the living character of those who believe it. The only **vital** faith is that faith which **receives** and **assimilates** the **truth** till it is a **part of the being** and the **motive**

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power of the life and action. Jesus is called the Word of God. He **accepted** His Father's law, **wrought out its principles** in His life, **manifested its spirit**, and **showed its beneficent power** in the heart. Says John: "The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the Only Begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth." The followers of Christ must be partakers of His experience. **They must assimilate the word of God.** They must be **changed** into its likeness by the power of Christ and **reflect** the divine attributes. They must eat the flesh and drink the blood of the Son of God, or there is no life in them. The spirit and work of Christ must become the spirit and work of His disciples. 5T 575.2

6. How do we get faith?

Romans 12:3 For I say, through the _____ given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to _____ of himself more highly than he _____ to think; but to think soberly, according as _____ hath _____ to _____ man the measure of _____.

Note: Faith that enables us to receive God's gifts is itself a **gift**, of which **some** measure is imparted to every human being. It grows as exercised in appropriating the word of God. **In order to strengthen faith, we must often bring it in contact with the word.** Ed 253.4

Romans 10:12-17 For there is no _____ between the Jew and the Greek: for the _____ Lord over _____ is rich unto all that _____ upon him. For _____ shall _____ upon the _____ of the Lord shall be _____. _____ then shall they _____ on him in whom they have _____ believed? and _____ shall they _____ in him of whom they have _____ heard? and _____ shall they _____ without a _____? And _____ shall they _____, except they be _____? as it is written, How _____ are the _____ of them that _____ the gospel of peace, and bring _____ tidings of good things! But they have _____ all _____ the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, _____ hath _____ our report? So then _____ cometh by _____, and _____ by the _____ of _____.

Note: No man can create faith. **The Spirit operating upon and enlightening the human mind, creates faith in God.** In the **Scriptures** faith is stated to be **the gift of God, powerful unto salvation, enlightening the hearts of those who search for truth as for hidden treasure.** **The Spirit of God impresses the truth on the heart.** The **gospel** is called the **power of God unto salvation** because God alone can make the truth a power which sanctifies the soul. **He alone** can render the cross of Christ **triumphant.** 7BC 940.3

You must have that **abiding confidence in God** that is not disturbed by the temptations and arguments of the deceiver. Take the Lord at His word. **You must study the promises, and appropriate them as you have need.** "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." Romans 10:17.... OHC 324.4

This book is the **voice of God speaking to us.** The Bible opens to us the words of life; for it makes us acquainted with Christ who is our life. In order to have true, abiding faith in Christ, we must know Him as He is represented in the word. **Faith is trustful.** It is not a matter of fits and starts, according to the impulse and emotion of the hour; but **it is a principle that has its foundation in Jesus Christ.** And faith must be kept in **constant exercise through the diligent, persevering study of the word.** The word thus becomes a living agency; and we are sanctified through the truth. FE 433.2

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7. What should we do with our faith?

2 Corinthians 5:7 (For we _____ by _____, not by sight:)

2 Thessalonians 1:3 We are bound to _____ God always for you, brethren, as it is meet, because that your faith _____ exceedingly, and the _____ of every one of you all toward each other _____.

1 Timothy 6:11,12 But thou, O man of God, _____ these things; and _____ after righteousness, godliness, _____, love, patience, meekness. Fight the _____ fight of _____, lay _____ on _____ life, whereunto thou art also _____, and hast professed a _____ profession before many witnesses.

1 Peter 5:8,9 Be sober, be _____; because your adversary the _____, as a roaring _____, walketh about, seeking whom he may _____: Whom _____ in the _____, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your _____ that are in the world.

Jude 1:3 Beloved, when I gave all _____ to write unto you of the common _____, it was needful for me to write unto you, and _____ you that ye should earnestly _____ for the _____ which was once delivered unto the saints.

We should W_____ by faith – live our life according to faith in God.

Our faith should G_____ exceedingly and then our C_____ (love) will also grow.

We must F_____ the good fight of faith and lay hold on E_____ life.

We must stand S_____ in the faith and R_____ the devil.

We must C_____ for the faith.

Note: Faith earns nothing for us; it is the gift of God, which we may **receive** and **cherish** by making Christ our personal Saviour. 6BC 1080.9

When you look to Calvary, it is not to quiet your soul in the nonperformance of duty, not to compose yourself to sleep, but **to create faith in Jesus**, faith that will **work, purifying** the soul from the slime of selfishness. **When we lay hold of Christ by faith, our work has just begun**. 2MCP 540.1

Every man has **corrupt and sinful habits** that must be overcome by vigorous warfare. **Every soul is required to fight the fight of faith**. 2MCP 540.2

I find that I have to **fight the good fight of faith every day**. I have to **exercise all my faith**, and not rely upon feeling; I have to act as though I knew the Lord heard me, and would answer me and bless me. Faith is not a happy flight of feeling; it is **simply taking God at His word** – believing that **He will fulfill His promises because He said He would**. OHC 119.5

Hope in God, trust in Him, and rest in His promises, whether you **feel** happy or not. A good emotion is no evidence that you are a child of God, neither are disturbed, troubled, perplexing feelings an evidence that you are not a child of God. **Come to the Scriptures and intelligently take God at His word**.

Comply with the conditions and believe He will accept you as His child. Be not faithless, but believing. OHC 119.6

Then **cultivate** the gift of faith. Be brave, and **overcome every practice which mars the soul temple**. We are wholly dependent on God, and our faith is **strengthened** by believing, though we cannot see God's purpose in His dealing with us, or the consequence of this dealing. **Faith points forward and**

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upward to things to come, laying hold of the only power that can make us complete in Him. OFC 296.2

Faith works by love and purifies the soul from all selfishness. Thus the soul is perfected in love. And having found grace and mercy through Christ's precious blood, how can we fail to be tender and merciful? 'By grace are ye saved through faith' (Ephesians 5:8). **The mind should be educated to exercise faith rather than to cherish doubt and suspicion and jealousy.** We are too prone to look at obstacles as impossibilities. 2MCP 533.3

To have faith in the promises of God, to walk forward by faith, pressing on without being governed by circumstances, is a lesson hard to learn. Yet it is a positive necessity that every child of God learn this lesson. The grace of God through Christ is to be ever cherished; for it is given to us as the only way of approaching God. **Faith in the words of God**, spoken by Christ enshrouded in the pillar of cloud, would have enabled the children of Israel to leave a record of a very different character. Their lack of faith in God gave them a very checkered history. 2MCP 533.4

True faith rests on the promises contained in the Word of God, and those **only** who **obey that Word** can claim its glorious promises. AG 207.3

While the sinner cannot save himself, he still **has something to do** to secure salvation. 'Him that cometh to me,' says Christ, 'I will in no wise cast out' (John 6:37). **But we must come to Him; and when we repent of our sins, we must believe that He accepts and pardons us.** Faith is the gift of God, but the power to **exercise** it is ours. **Faith is the hand by which the soul takes hold upon the divine offers of grace and mercy.** PP 431.2

Jesus had pledged His word; **He will save all who come unto Him.** Though millions who need it to be healed will reject His offered mercy, **not one who trusts in His merits will be left to perish.** PP 432.1

How to exercise faith should be made very plain. To every **promise** of God there are **conditions.** *If* we are willing to do His will, **all His strength is ours.** Whatever gift He promises, is in the promise itself. "The seed is the word of God." Luke 8:11. As surely as the oak is in the acorn, so surely is the gift of God in His promise. If we receive the promise, we have the gift. Ed 253.3

All things are possible with God, and **by faith we may lay hold on His power.** But faith is not sight; faith is not feeling; faith is not reality. "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." To abide in faith is **to put aside feeling and selfish desires**, to **walk humbly** with the Lord, to **appropriate His promises**, and **apply them to all occasions**, believing that God will work out His own plans and purposes in your heart and life by the sanctification of your character; **it is to rely entirely, to trust implicitly, upon the faithfulness of God.** If this course is followed, others will see the special fruits of the Spirit manifested in the life and character. FE 341.

Christ calls upon His people to believe and practice His word. Those who receive and assimilate this word, making it a part of every action, of every attribute of character, will grow strong in the strength of God. It will be seen that **their faith is of heavenly origin.** They will not wander into strange paths. Their minds will not turn to a religion of sentimentalism and excitement. Before angels and before men, they will stand as those who have strong, consistent Christian characters. GW 309.2

8. How and why is our faith tested?

James 1:2-4 My brethren, count it all _____ when ye fall into divers _____; Knowing this, that the _____ of your faith worketh _____. But let patience have her _____ work, that ye may be _____ and entire, wanting nothing.

1 Peter 1:7-9 That the _____ of your faith, being much _____ precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with _____, might be found unto _____ and _____ and _____ at the appearing of Jesus Christ: Whom having not _____,

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ye _____; in whom, though _____ ye see him not, yet _____, ye _____ with joy unspeakable and full of _____: Receiving the _____ of your _____, even the _____ of your souls.

Romans 5:3-5 And not only so, but we glory in _____ also: knowing that tribulation worketh _____; And patience, _____; and experience, _____: And hope maketh _____ ashamed; because the _____ of God is shed abroad in our _____ by the _____ which is given unto us.

☞ Our faith is tested in divers T _____, and T _____, and T _____.

☞ It is tested so that we would learn P _____ and become P _____ and entire.

☞ It is tested so that we will be found true and bring P _____ and H _____ and G _____ to Christ and the final result – the S _____ of our souls.

☞ It is tested to give us P _____ and this brings an E _____ which gives us H _____ and fills our heart with the L _____ of God.

Note: The trial of faith is more precious than gold. **All should learn that this is a part of the discipline in the school of Christ**, which is **essential** to purify and refine them from the dross of earthliness. They must **endure with fortitude** the taunts and attacks of enemies, and **overcome** all obstacles that Satan may place in their path to hedge up the way. **He will try** to lead them to neglect prayer and to discourage them in the study of the Scriptures, and he will throw his hateful shadow athwart their path to hide Christ and the heavenly attractions from their view. 5T 578.1

Summon all your powers to look up, not down at your difficulties; then you will never faint by the way. **You will soon see Jesus behind the cloud**, reaching out His hand to help you; and all you have to do is to **give Him your hand in simple faith and let Him lead you**. As you become **trustful** you will, through faith in Jesus, become **hopeful**. The light shining from the cross of Calvary will reveal to you **God's estimate of the soul**, and, **appreciating** that estimate, you will **seek to reflect the light** to the world. A great name among men is as letters traced in sand, but a **spotless character will endure to all eternity**. God gives you **intelligence** and a **reasoning** mind, whereby you may **grasp His promises**; and Jesus is ready to help you in forming a strong, symmetrical character. Those who possess such a character need never become discouraged because they have not success in worldly affairs. They 'are the light of the world.' **Satan cannot destroy or make of none effect the light that shines forth from them.** 5T 578.2

The testing of our faith is an E _____ discipline in the school of C _____.

It is needed to P _____ and R _____ us from our E _____.

? What does Satan try to do? He tries to get us to N _____ prayer and D _____ us in the study of Scripture. He will throw his hateful S _____ across our path to hide C _____ and H _____ from our view.

? What must we do when we are tested?

Look _____ and not down at our D _____

? If we do, what can we see?

Jesus behind the C _____ reaching out his hand to H _____ us..

? What must we do then? Give him our H _____ and let him lead us – be T _____.

God gives you i _____ and a r _____ mind, to use in grasping His P _____.

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Jesus is ready to H_____ us form a S_____, S_____ character.
With this C_____ we need **never** be D_____ if we do not have success in
W_____ affairs.

These experiences that test faith are **for our benefit**.

By them it is made manifest **whether our faith is true and sincere, resting on the word of God alone, or whether, depending on circumstances, it is uncertain and changeable.**

Faith is strengthened by exercise. We must let patience have its perfect work, remembering that there are **precious promises** in the Scriptures for those who **wait** upon the Lord. MH 230.4

? What are these experiences that test our faith for?

They are for our B_____ so that we can see whether we actually have a T_____ and S_____ faith which rests on the W_____ of God A_____, or whether our faith is U_____ and C_____ depending on C_____.

We need to know this so that we are not deceived about ourselves and our relation to God.

When the devil comes with his doubts and unbeliefs, **shut the door of your heart.** Shut your eyes so that you will not dwell upon his hellish shadow. Lift them up where they can **behold the things which are eternal**, and you will have strength every hour. **The trial of your faith is much more precious than gold.** ... **It makes you valiant to fight the battle of the Lord**, 'for we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places' (Ephesians 6:12). 2MCP 676.1

Satan claims the world. He claims us as his. Then shall we give him that which he claims? No. **I am somebody else's property.** I have been bought with a price, and my business is to glorify God in my body and spirit. **I have no time to talk unbelief. It is faith that I must talk. I must strengthen faith by exercise.** And then my faith grows as I venture upon the promises of God, and I can grasp more and more. 2MCP 676.2

? What does the devil try to put into our hearts? D_____ and U_____.

? Should we accept these into our hearts? YES NO

? What should we think about instead? Things that are E_____

? What does Satan claim? He claims the W_____ and he claims _____ as his.

? Should we agree with this claim? YES NO

? Why not? We belong to somebody else – _____ because we have been B_____ with a price.

? What is this price? (1 Peter 1:18,19) the precious B_____ of C_____

Therefore we have no business with Satan, we are not his, but Christ's and so our business is to G_____ God in our B_____ and S_____ and we have no time to talk U_____ but we use our time to talk F_____.

You cannot afford to let any doubts come into your mind. Do not please the devil enough to tell about the terrible burdens you are carrying. Every time you do it, **Satan laughs** that his soul can control you and that you have lost sight of Jesus Christ your Redeemer. 2MCP 794.6

There is to be no despondency in God's service. **Our faith is to endure the pressure brought to bear upon it.** God is **able** and **willing** to bestow upon His servants **all the strength they need.** He will **more than fulfill** the highest expectations of those who **put their trust in Him.** SD 219.6

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9. What does faith do for us?

Ephesians 3:17 That _____ may _____ in your _____ by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in _____.

2 Timothy 3:15 And that from a child thou hast _____ the holy _____, which are able to make thee _____ unto _____ through _____ which is in Christ _____.

Romans 5:1,2 Therefore being _____ by _____, we have _____ with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have _____ by faith into this _____ wherein we _____, and rejoice in _____ of the _____ of God.

1 John 5:4 For whatsoever is _____ of God _____ the world: and this is the _____ that overcometh the world, even our _____.

☞ Christ D_____ in our H_____ by faith.

☞ We become R_____ and G_____ in God's love.

☞ By studying the S_____ we become wise unto S_____ which we have through faith in Christ.

☞ By faith we are J_____ – made right with God.

This brings P_____ – harmony with God.

☞ Christ made it possible for us to A_____ His grace – power to live in harmony with God. We access this by F_____. This brings us H_____ and we R_____.

☞ By faith in the power of Christ we are enabled to O_____ the world.

Note: The great field of the **promises** of God has been presented before us, and **by these we are to lay hold of faith, hope, and love**. In these graces the church may shine forth and present to the world a living representation of the righteousness of Christ. **Living faith grasps the hand of divine power, and faith is as an anchor to the soul, sure and steadfast**. ... John says, 'This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith' (1 John 5:4). HP 106.5

The followers of Christ should expect to be regarded by the world with no more favor than was their Master. But **he who has God for his friend and helper** can afford to spend a long winter of chilling neglect, abuse, and persecution. **By the grace which Christ imparts**, he can maintain his faith and trust in God under the sorest trials. He recalls the Saviour's example, and he feels that he can endure affliction and persecution **if he may thus gain simplicity of character, lowliness of heart, and an abiding trust in Jesus**. The **triumph** of Christian faith is to suffer, and be **strong**; to submit, and thus **conquer**; to be killed all the day long, and yet to **live**; to bear the cross, and thus **win the crown** of immortal glory.

LP 300.2

We have been taken as rough stones out of the quarry of the world by the cleaver of truth and placed in the workshop of God. **He who has genuine faith in Christ as his personal Saviour will find that the truth accomplishes a definite work for him**. His faith is a working faith. ... We cannot create our faith, but we can be **colaborers with Christ** in promoting the growth and triumph of faith. HP 109.5

☞ By the P_____ of God we lay hold of F_____, H_____, and L_____.

☞ By living faith we take the hand of D_____ power to O_____ the world.

☞ .This gives to the world a L_____ example of the R_____ of Christ.

☞ When we have God as our H_____ we can keep our faith and T_____ strong

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even when people N_____ us or A_____ us or persecute us.

☞ Through this experience we gain S_____ of character, L_____ of heart, and an A_____ trust in Jesus.

☞ We can be S_____, though we suffer. We can C_____ though we submit.

When we bear the C_____, we will gain the C_____.

☞ We are rough S_____ that Christ works on in his W_____ and when we co-operate with Him a D_____ work is done in us.

? What do you suppose that work is?

Faith is the medium of connection between human weakness and divine power. ... We must seek to have our faith strengthened. The iniquity that abounds must not for one moment lessen our faith and love for God or weaken our trust in His sure promises, else some mighty storm of temptation will sweep us away from the true foundation. **We have a great work to do, and we need greater faith.** ... **Through communion with God our faith will be strengthened, and the trial of our faith may prove our signal triumph.** HP 107.2

There is a real work to be wrought in us. **Constantly we must submit our will to God's will, our way to God's way.** ... By beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, we are actually changed into the same image, from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord. We expect too little, and we receive according to our faith. We are not to cling to our own ways, our own plans, our own ideas. ... **Besetting sins are to be conquered and evil habits overcome. Wrong dispositions and feelings are to be rooted out, and holy tempers and emotions begotten in us by the Spirit of God.** ... HP 107.3

Faith, living faith, we must have, a faith that works by love and purifies the soul. We must learn to take everything to the Lord with simplicity and earnest faith. The **greatest burden** we have to bear in this life is **self**. Unless we learn in the school of Christ to be **meek and lowly**, we shall **miss precious opportunities and privileges** for becoming acquainted with Jesus. **Self is the most difficult thing we have to manage.** In laying off burdens, let us not forget to lay self at the feet of Christ. HP 107.4

Hand yourself over to Jesus, to be molded and fashioned by Him, that you may be made vessels unto honor. Your temptations, your ideas, your feelings, **must all be laid at the foot of the cross. Then the soul is ready to listen to words of divine instruction.** Jesus will give you to drink of the water which flows from the river of God. Under the **softening** and **subduing** influence of His Spirit your coldness and listlessness will **disappear**. Christ will be in you a well of water, springing up into everlasting life. HP 107.5

▶▶ We must learn to cling to God's divine P_____ by faith.

▶▶ We must not let the i_____ around us lessen our L_____ for God or weaken our T_____ in His promises.

▶▶ We need to be anchored to the sure F_____ – the Rock, Jesus Christ.

▶▶ Our faith is strengthened through C_____ with God.

▶▶ Then when our faith is T_____ it brings us a signal T_____.

☞ Now watch what the work is that must be wrought in us:

✝ We must learn to S_____ our W_____ to God's W_____ and our W_____ to God's W_____.

✝ We must let go of our own W_____, our own P_____, our own i_____.

✝ Our besetting _____ and evil _____ must be overcome.

✝ Our wrong D_____ and F_____ must be rooted out.

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and be replaced with holy T_____ and E_____ by the Holy Spirit

† We must learn to take E_____ to the Lord with simplicity and earnest faith.

† We must learn to be M_____ and L_____ in the S_____ of Christ

† We must lay S_____ at the feet of Jesus

This means that we must lay our T_____, our i_____, our F_____,
all at the foot of the cross.

Then we will be R_____ to listen to the words of D_____ instruction.

Then, under the S_____ and S_____ influence of the Holy Spirit,
our C_____ and listlessness will disappear

10. What makes our faith real?

James 2:17 Even so _____, if it hath not _____, is _____, being alone.

James 2:22 Seest thou how _____ wrought _____ his works, and by _____ was
faith made _____?

Romans 3:31 Do we then make _____ the _____ through faith? God forbid: yea, we
_____ the _____.

1 John 2:3-5 And _____ we do know that we _____ him, if we _____ his
commandments. He that _____, I know him, and keepeth _____ his commandments, is
a _____, and the _____ is not in him. But whoso keepeth his _____, in him verily is
the _____ of God _____: hereby know we that we are _____ him.

Galatians 5:6 For _____ Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor
uncircumcision; but _____ which worketh by _____.

Note: The faith that works by love and purifies the soul **produces the fruit** of humility, patience,
forbearance, long-suffering, peace, joy, and willing obedience. HP 109.6

Righteousness is right doing, and it is by their deeds that all will be judged. Our characters are
revealed by what we do. **The works show whether the faith is genuine.** COL 312.2

We show our faith in God by obeying His commands. **Faith is always expressed in words and
actions.** It produces practical results, for it is a vital element in the life. The life that is molded by faith
develops a determination to advance, to go forward, following in the footsteps of Christ. HP 109.4

**While true faith trusts wholly in Christ for salvation, it will lead to perfect conformity to the law
of God.** Faith is manifested by works. And the apostle John declares, 'He that saith, I know Him, and
keepeth not His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him' (1 John 2:4). FW 52.2

If your faith is **genuine**, it must and will **produce obedience**. God commands us to do **nothing which
we cannot do**. He will **give strength** to every believing, trusting soul. UL 20.5

? What kind of fruit will faith that works by love produce?

H_____, P_____, F_____, J_____
L_____ - _____, P_____, and willing O_____

? What shows whether our faith is genuine?

Our W_____; Our C_____ is revealed by what we _____.

? How do we show our faith in God? By O_____ His commands because faith is

A_____ expressed in W_____ and A_____.

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? What does true faith do?

It T_____ wholly (completely) in Christ for S_____.

It L_____ to perfect C_____ to the L_____ of God.

? What must genuine faith always do? It will produce O_____.

How can we do this?

God commands us to do N_____ which we can _____ do.

God always gives us S_____ if we B_____ and T_____ Him.

Obedience is the test of discipleship. It is the keeping of the commandments that **proves the sincerity of our professions of love**. When the doctrine we accept **kills sin in the heart, purifies the soul from defilement, bears fruit unto holiness**, we may **know** that it is the **truth** of God. When benevolence, kindness, tenderheartedness, sympathy, are **manifest in our lives**; when the **joy of right doing is in our hearts**; when we **exalt Christ**, and not self, **we may know that our faith is of the right order**. 'Hereby we do know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments.' 1 John 2:3. MB 146.3

? How can we know if the doctrine we accept is the truth of God?

When it kills _____ in the heart

When it purifies the soul from _____

When it bears fruit unto _____

When benevolence, K_____, tenderheartedness, S_____ are M_____ in our lives

When the J_____ of right D_____ is in our hearts

When we exalt C_____, not S_____

There are many in the Christian world who claim that all that is necessary to salvation is to have faith; works are nothing, faith is the only essential. But God's Word tells us that faith without works is dead, being alone. Many refuse to obey God's commandments, yet they make a great deal of faith. But **faith must have a foundation**. FW 47.1

God's promises are all made upon conditions. **If** we do His will, **if** we walk in truth, **then** we may ask what we will, and it shall be done unto us. While we earnestly endeavor to be obedient, God will hear our petitions; but **He will not bless us in disobedience**. **If** we choose to disobey His commandments, we may cry, "Faith, faith, only have faith," and the response will come back from the sure Word of God, "Faith without works is dead" (James 2:20). Such faith will only be as sounding brass and as a tinkling cymbal. **In order to have the benefits of God's grace we must do our part; we must faithfully work and bring forth fruits meet for repentance**. FW 47.2

? What are the conditions of God's promises?

If we _____ His will,

if we W_____ in truth

If we E_____ endeavor to be O_____

? Will God bless us in disobedience? YES NO

If we choose to disobey His commandments, what will our faith be? D_____

or as sounding B_____ and as a tinkling C_____

even though we may speak like an A_____ (1 Cor. 13:1)

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Note: Faith and works go hand in hand; they act harmoniously in the work of overcoming. Works without faith are dead, and faith without works is dead. Works will never save us; it is the merit of Christ that will avail in our behalf. Through faith in Him, Christ will make all our imperfect efforts acceptable to God. The faith we are required to have is not a do-nothing faith; **saving faith is that which works by love and purifies the soul.** He who will lift up holy hands to God without wrath and doubting will walk **intelligently** in the way of God's commandments. FW 48.3

11. What does Jesus tell us about little faith?

Matthew 6:25,30 Therefore I say unto you, Take no _____ for your life, what ye shall _____, or what ye shall _____; nor yet for your _____, what ye shall put _____. Is not the life _____ than meat, and the body than raiment? ... Wherefore, if God so _____ the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the _____, shall he not _____ more _____ you, O ye of _____ faith?

Matthew 8:26 And he saith unto them, Why are ye _____, O ye of _____ faith? Then he arose, and _____ the winds and the sea; and there was a great _____.

Matthew 14:31 And immediately Jesus stretched forth his _____, and _____ him, and said unto him, O thou of _____ faith, wherefore didst thou _____?

When we fail to trust God for our daily needs – what we E____, D_____, or wear, we show that we have little faith.

When we are F_____ and fail to trust God to take care of us, we show that we have little faith.

When we D_____, we show that we have little faith.

Note: Too often we **grieve** the heart of Jesus by our **unbelief**. Our faith is shortsighted, and we allow trials to bring out our inherited and cultivated tendencies to wrong. When brought into strait circumstances, we **dishonor** God by **murmuring** and **complaining**. Instead of this we should show that we have **learned** in the school of Christ, **by helping those that are worse off than ourselves**, those who are seeking for light, but are unable to find it. RC 354.4

"O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?' **Christ has already proved Himself to be our ever-present Saviour.** He knows all about our circumstances, and in the hour of trial can we not **pray** that God will give us His Holy Spirit to **bring to our minds His many manifestations of power in our behalf? Can we not believe that He is as willing to help us as on former occasions?** His past dealings with His servants are not to fade from our minds, but the **remembrance** of them is ever to **strengthen** and **uphold** us. RC 354.5

No amount of tribulation can separate us from Christ. If He leads us to Rephidim, **it is because He sees that it is for our good and for His name's glory.** If we will **look to Him in trusting faith**, He will, in His own time, turn the bitterness of Marah into sweetness. He can open the flinty rock, and cause cooling streams to flow forth. Then **shall we not lift our voices in praise and thanksgiving for past mercies**, and **go forward with full assurance that He is an ever-present help in time of trouble?** RC 354.6

? How do we often grieve the heart of Jesus? By our U_____.

? What do we often do when trials come to us?

We allow them to bring out our i_____ and C_____ tendencies to wrong and then we M_____ and C_____.

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? What should we remember when we meet a trial?

That Christ has already P_____ to be our ever P_____ Saviour

The many manifestations of His P_____ in our behalf

That HE is willing to help us now as on F_____ occasions

This will S_____ and U_____ us in our present trial

? Why does He lead us into trying circumstances?

It is NOT to S_____ us from Christ

It is because He sees that it is for our _____ and for His name's _____.

? So how should we react?

We should L_____ to Him in T_____ faith

We should L_____ our voices in P_____ and T_____ for past M_____

We should go forward with full A_____ that He is an ever P_____ help in time of T_____.

12. How can our little faith grow into great faith?

Psalms 105:1-5 O give _____ unto the LORD; call upon his _____: make known his _____ among the people. _____ unto him, sing psalms unto him: _____ ye of all his _____ works. Glory ye in his _____ name: let the heart of them _____ that seek the LORD. _____ the LORD, and his _____: seek his face evermore. _____ his marvelous _____ that he hath done; his _____, and the judgments of his _____.

Psalms 63:3-7 Because thy lovingkindness is _____ than life, my lips shall _____ thee. Thus will I _____ thee while I live: I will lift up my hands in thy name. My soul shall be _____ as with marrow and fatness; and my _____ shall praise thee with joyful lips: When I _____ thee upon my bed, and _____ on thee in the night watches. Because thou hast been my _____, therefore in the _____ of thy wings will I _____.

Psalms 56:11-13 In God have I put my _____: I will not be _____ what man can _____ unto me. Thy vows are upon me, O God: I will render _____ unto thee. For thou hast _____ my soul from death: wilt not thou _____ my feet from _____, that I may _____ before God in the _____ of the living?

We give T_____ to God.

We S_____ psalms to Him.

We T_____ of all His wondrous works.

We S_____ the Lord and His strength.

We R_____ His marvelous works that He has done.

We are S_____ in Him.

We praise Him with J_____ lips when we R_____ Him.

We R_____ in the shadow of His wings [His protection]

because He is our H_____.

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We put our T_____ in God.

Therefore we will not be A_____ of what man can do to us.

We trust that He will keep our feet from F_____.

Note: It is for **our own benefit** to keep every gift of God fresh in our memory. **By this means faith is strengthened to claim and to receive more and more.** There is **greater encouragement for us** in the least blessing we ourselves receive from God than in all the accounts we can read of the faith and experience of others. The soul that **responds** to the grace of God shall be like a watered garden. His **health** shall spring forth speedily; his **light** shall rise in obscurity, and the **glory** of the Lord shall be seen upon him. MH 100.3

Christ is our **only** hope. Come to God in the name of Him who gave His life for the world. **Rely** upon the efficacy of His sacrifice. **Show** that His **love**, His **joy**, is in your soul, and that **because** of this your joy is full. **Cease to talk unbelief.** In God is our strength. **Pray much.** Prayer is the life of soul. The prayer of faith is the **weapon** by which we may **successfully resist every assault of the enemy.** 1SM 88.4

We are to **keep looking up**, that faith may bind us to the throne of God. ... **Faith grows imperceptibly.** YRP 77.4

Do not worry. By looking at appearances, and complaining when difficulty and pressure come, you reveal a **sickly, enfeebled** faith. **By your words and your works show that your faith is invincible.** The Lord is **rich** in resources. He owns the world. Look to Him who has light, and power, and efficiency. **He will bless everyone who is seeking to communicate light and love.** 7T 212.3

The Lord desires all to understand that their **prosperity** is hid with Him in Christ; that it is **dependent** on their **humility** and **meekness**, their **wholehearted obedience** and **devotion**. When they shall learn the **lesson** of the great Teacher, **to die to self, to put no confidence in man, nor to make flesh their arm**, then, as they call upon Him, the Lord will be to them a **present help** in every time of need. He will **guide** them in judgment. He will be at their right hand to give them **counsel**. He will say to them: 'This is the way, walk ye in it.' 7T 212.4

13. What are the results of great faith?

a. Matthew 9:27-30 And when Jesus _____ thence, two _____ men followed him, crying, and saying, Thou Son of David, have _____ on us. And when he was come into the _____, the blind men _____ to him: and Jesus saith unto them, _____ ye that I am _____ to do this? They said unto him, _____, Lord. Then _____ he their _____, saying, According to your _____ be it unto you. And their _____ were _____.

Note: With the eagerness of intense desire, he cries, "Jesus, thou Son of David, have mercy on me!" They try to silence him, but he cries the more vehemently, "Thou Son of David, have mercy on me!" This appeal is heard. **His persevering faith is rewarded.** Not only is physical sight restored, but **the eyes of his understanding are opened.** In Christ he sees his Redeemer, and the Sun of Righteousness shines into his soul. **All who feel their need of Christ** as did blind Bartimeus, and who will be as **earnest** and **determined** as he was, will, like him, **receive the blessing which they crave.** SD 126.3

b. Matthew 15:22-28 And, behold, a woman of _____ came out of the same coasts, and _____ unto him, saying, Have _____ on me, O Lord, thou Son of _____; my daughter is grievously vexed with a _____. ... Then came she and

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_____ him, saying, Lord, _____ me. But he answered and said, It is not meet to take the children's _____, and to cast it to _____. And she said, _____, Lord: yet the _____ eat of the _____ which fall from their masters' table. Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, _____ is thy _____: be it unto thee even as thou _____. And her daughter was made _____ from that very _____.

The woman well **knew** that the Jews had **no dealings** with the Canaanites and that they **refused** even to speak to them; but having heard of the miracles of **mercy** which Jesus had performed, she resolved to **appeal** to him to relieve her daughter from the terrible affliction that was upon her. The poor woman realized that **her only hope was in Jesus**, and **she had perfect faith in his power to do that which she asked of him**. 3Red 77.1

Although Jesus was **apparently indifferent** to her cries, yet she did not become offended and leave him, but **still had faith** that he would relieve her distress. 3Red 78.1

While confessing that she had **no claim** upon his favor, **she still pleads for a crumb** from his bounty. **Such faith and perseverance were unexampled**. Few of the favored people of God had so high an **appreciation** of the Redeemer's benevolence and power. 3Red 79.1

Here he meets one of an unfortunate and despised race, that had not been favored with the light of God's word; yet **she yields at once** to the divine influence of Christ, and **has implicit faith in his ability to grant her the favor she asks**. She has **no national nor religious prejudice or pride** to influence her course of action, and she **unconditionally acknowledges Jesus as the Redeemer**, and **able** to do **all** that she asks of him. The Saviour is satisfied, **he has tested her confidence in him**, and he now grants her request and **finishes the lesson to his disciples**. Turning to her with a countenance of **pity and love**, he says, "O woman, great is thy faith. Be it unto thee even as thou wilt." From that hour the daughter became whole, and the demon troubled her no more. The woman departed **acknowledging her Saviour**, and happy in the granting of her prayer. 3Red 79.2

c. Matthew 8:8-10 The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not _____ that thou shouldest come under my roof: but _____ the _____, and my servant shall be _____. For I am a man under _____, having soldiers under me: and I say to this man, Go, and he _____; and to another, Come, and he _____; and to my servant, Do this, and he _____ it. When Jesus _____ it, he _____, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have _____ found so _____ faith, no, not in _____.

Note: [Jesus] was **grieved** that His own nation should require these **outward signs** of His Messiahship. Again and again He had **marveled at their unbelief**. But He marveled at the faith of the centurion who came to Him. The centurion did not question the Saviour's **power**. He did not even ask Him to come in person to perform the miracle. "Speak the word only," he said, "and my servant shall be healed." DA 315.1

The centurion was tenderly attached to his servant, and greatly desired his recovery. **He believed that Jesus could heal him**. He had not seen the Saviour, but the reports he heard had inspired him with faith. ... In the teaching of Christ, as it had been reported to him, **he found that which met the need of the soul**. All that was spiritual within him **responded** to the Saviour's words. But he **felt unworthy to come** into the **presence** of Jesus. DA 315.2

As I represent the power of Rome, and my soldiers recognize my **authority** as supreme, **so dost Thou represent the power of the Infinite God, and all created things obey Thy word**. Thou canst

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command the disease to depart, and it shall **obey** Thee. Thou canst summon Thy heavenly messengers, and they shall impart healing virtue. Speak but the word, and my servant shall be healed. DA 316.2

His heart had been **touched** by the grace of Christ. **He saw his own unworthiness; yet he feared not to ask help.** He trusted not to his own goodness; **his argument was his great need.** His faith took hold upon Christ **in His true character.** He did not believe in Him **merely** as a worker of **miracles**, but as **the friend and Saviour of mankind.** DA 316.4

d. Matthew 9:2 And, behold, they _____ to him a man sick of the _____, lying on a _____: and Jesus seeing their _____ said unto the sick of the palsy; Son, be of good _____; thy _____ be _____ thee.

Note: Many of those who came to Christ for help **had brought disease upon themselves**, yet He did not refuse to heal them. And when virtue from Him entered into these souls, **they were convicted of sin**, and many were **healed of their spiritual disease** as well as of their physical maladies. MH 73.1

Among these was the paralytic at Capernaum. ... **His disease was the result of a sinful life**, and his sufferings were **embittered by remorse.** MH 73.2

The palsied man had sunk into **despair**. Then he heard of the works of Jesus. Others, as sinful and helpless as he, had been healed, and he was **encouraged to believe** that he, too, might be cured if he could be carried to the Saviour. But hope fell as he remembered the cause of his malady, yet he could not cast away the possibility of healing. MH 73.3

His great desire was relief from the burden of sin. He longed to see Jesus and receive the **assurance of forgiveness and peace with heaven.** Then he would be content to live or to die, according to God's will. MH 74.1

He besought his friends to carry him on his bed to Jesus, and this they gladly undertook to do. But so dense was the crowd that had assembled in and about the house where the Saviour was, that it was impossible for the sick man and his friends to reach Him. MH 74.2

Again and again the bearers of the paralytic tried to push their way through the crowd, but in vain. The sick man looked about him in unutterable anguish. How could he relinquish hope when the longed-for help was so near? At his suggestion his friends bore him to the top of the house and, breaking up the roof, **let him down at the feet of Jesus.** MH 75.1

The Saviour looked upon the mournful countenance and **saw the pleading eyes fixed upon Him.** Well He knew the longing of that burdened soul. It was Christ who had brought **conviction** to his conscience when he was yet at home. When he **repented** of his sins and **believed** in the power of Jesus to make him whole, the mercy of the Saviour had blessed his heart. Jesus had watched the **first glimmer of faith grow into a conviction** that He was the sinner's only helper, and had seen it grow stronger with every effort to come into His presence. It was Christ who had **drawn** the sufferer to Himself. Now, in words that fell like **music** on the listener's ear, the Saviour said, "Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee." Matt. 9:2. MH 75.2

The burden of guilt rolls from the sick man's soul. He cannot doubt. Christ's words reveal His power to read the heart. Who can deny His power to forgive sins? **Hope takes the place of despair**, and **joy of oppressive gloom.** The man's physical pain is gone, and his whole being is transformed. Making no further request, he lay in **peaceful silence, too happy for words.** MH 76.1

Many were watching with breathless interest every movement in this strange transaction. Many felt that Christ's words were an **invitation to them.** Were they not soul-sick because of sin? Were they not anxious to be freed from this burden? MH 76.2

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But the **Pharisees**, fearful of losing their influence with the multitude, said in their hearts, MH 76.3

Mark 2:7 W____ doth this man thus speak _____? who can _____ sins but _____?

Fixing His glance upon them, beneath which they cowered and drew back, Jesus said, MH 76.4

Matthew 9:4-6 And Jesus knowing their _____ said, Wherefore think ye _____ in your hearts? For whether is _____, to say, Thy sins be _____ thee; or to say, _____, and _____? But that ye may _____ that the Son of man hath _____ on earth to _____ sins, (then saith he to the sick of the palsy,) _____, take up thy _____, and _____ unto thine house.

Then he who had been borne on a litter to Jesus rose to his feet with the elasticity and strength of youth. MH 77.1

Mark 2:12 And _____ he _____, took up the bed, and went _____ before them all; insomuch that they were all _____, and _____ God, saying, We _____ saw it on this _____.

The paralytic **found in Christ healing for both the soul and the body**. He **needed** health of soul **before** he could appreciate health of body. Before the physical malady could be healed, Christ must bring **relief to the mind**, and **cleanse the soul from sin**. This **lesson** should not be overlooked. There are today **thousands** suffering from physical disease who, like the paralytic, are longing for the message, "Thy sins are forgiven." The **burden of sin**, with its **unrest** and **unsatisfied desires**, is the **foundation** of their maladies. They can **find no relief until they come to the Healer of the soul**. The peace which **He alone can impart** would restore vigor to the **mind** and health to the **body**. MH 77.3

e. Matthew 9:20-22 And, behold, a _____, which was _____ with an issue of blood _____ years, came behind him, and _____ the hem of his garment: For she said within herself, If I may but _____ his garment, I shall be _____. But Jesus _____ him about, and when he _____ her, he said, Daughter, be of good _____; thy _____ hath made thee _____. And the woman was made whole from that hour.

Note: The diseased woman **believed** that Jesus could heal her, and **the more her mind was exercised in that direction, the more certain she became** that even to touch his garment would relieve her malady. **In answer to her firm belief**, the virtue of divine power granted her prayer. **This is a lesson of encouragement to the soul defiled by sin**. In **like manner** as Jesus dealt with bodily infirmities, will he deal with the **repentant** soul that **calls** on him. The **touch of faith will bring the coveted pardon** that fills the soul with **gratitude** and **joy**. 2SP 322.2

f. Romans 4:20,21 He _____ not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was _____ in faith, giving _____ to God; And being fully _____ that, what he had _____, he was _____ also to _____.

Note: Abraham believed that Isaac was the son of promise. He also believed that God meant just what he said when he bade him to go offer him as a burnt-offering. He staggered not at the promise of God; but believed that God, who had in his providence given Sarah a son in her old age, and who had required him to take that son's life, could also give life again, and bring up Isaac from the dead. 1SP 99.3

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g. **Hebrews 11:33-37** "Who through _____ subdued _____, wrought _____, obtained _____, stopped the mouths of _____, quenched the violence of _____, escaped the edge of the _____, out of weakness were made _____, waxed _____ in fight, turned to _____ the armies of the aliens. Women received their _____ raised to life again: and others were _____, not _____ deliverance; that they might obtain a _____ resurrection: and others had _____ of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of _____ and imprisonment: they were _____, they were _____ asunder, were _____, were _____ with the sword: they wandered about in _____ and goatskins; being _____, afflicted, tormented"

Note: In this world these **heroes of faith** were counted unworthy of life; but **in heaven they are enrolled as sons of God, worthy of the highest honor.** 'They shall walk with me in white,' Christ declares: 'for they are worthy' (Rev. 3:4). In the courts of heaven there awaits them an 'eternal weight of glory.' HP 268.4

h. **Hebrews 12:1** "Wherefore seeing _____ also are compassed about with so _____ a cloud of _____, let _____ lay aside _____ weight, and the _____ which doth so easily _____ us, and let us run with _____ the race that is set before us, _____ unto Jesus the _____ and _____ of our faith".

2 Corinthians 4:17,18 "Our _____ affliction, which is but for a _____, worketh for us a far more _____ and eternal _____ of glory; while we look _____ at the things which are _____, but at the things which are _____ seen: for the things which are seen are _____; but the things which are not seen are _____"

Note: Christianity promises no exemption from sorrow. 'We must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God' (Acts 14:22). **Faith is needed, strong, trusting faith, which believes that God will bring His children into no temptation greater than they are able to bear. What such faith has power to do is told by Paul in his letter to the Hebrews.** HP 268.2

How often those who **trusted the word of God**, though **in themselves utterly helpless**, have **withstood the power of the whole world** – **Enoch**, pure in heart, holy in life, holding fast his faith in the triumph of righteousness against a corrupt and scoffing generation; **Noah** and his household against the men of his time, men of the greatest physical and mental strength and the most debased in morals; the **children of Israel at the Red Sea**, a helpless, terrified multitude of slaves, against the mightiest army of the mightiest nation on the globe; **David**, a shepherd lad, having God's promise of the throne, against Saul, the established monarch, bent on holding fast his power; **Shadrach and his companions** in the fire, and Nebuchadnezzar on the throne; **Daniel** among the lions, his enemies in the high places of the kingdom; **Jesus on the cross**, and the Jewish priests and rulers forcing even the Roman governor to work their will; **Paul** in chains led to a criminal's death, Nero the despot of a world empire. Ed 254.2

Such examples are not found in the Bible only. They abound in **every** record of human progress. The **Vaudois** [Waldenses] and the **Huguenots**, **Wycliffe** and **Huss**, **Jerome** and **Luther**, **Tyndale** and **Knox**, **Zinzendorf** and **Wesley**, with **multitudes** of others, have witnessed to the **power** of God's word against human power and policy in support of evil. These are the world's **true nobility**. This is its **royal line**. **In this line the youth of today are called to take their places.** Ed 254.3

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14. What will some do in the last days?

1 Timothy 4:1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the _____ times some shall _____ from the faith, giving _____ to seducing spirits, and doctrines of _____.

1 Timothy 6:20 O Timothy, _____ that which is _____ to thy trust, _____ profane and vain babblings, and _____ of science _____ so called: Which some professing have _____ concerning the faith. Grace be with thee. Amen.

Note: Just before us is "the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth." Revelation 3:10. **All whose faith is not firmly established upon the word of God will be deceived and overcome.** Satan "works with all deceivableness of unrighteousness" to gain **control** of the children of men, and his deceptions will continually increase. **But he can gain his object only as men voluntarily yield to his temptations.** GC 560.2

15. How do we show our love for Jesus? **John 14:15**

If ye _____ me, _____ my _____.

? What does John say about those who do not keep His commandments? **1 John 2:4**

He that _____, I _____ him, and keepeth _____ his _____, is a _____, and the _____ is _____ in him.

? What does James say about a genuine walk with God? **James 1:22** But be ye _____ of the _____, and not hearers _____, _____ your own selves.

? How can we obtain the strength to obey God's instructions? **2 Peter 1:3,4**

According as his _____ hath given unto us _____ things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the _____ of him that hath _____ us to glory and virtue: Whereby are _____ unto us exceeding _____ and precious _____: that by _____ ye might be _____ of the _____ nature, having _____ the corruption that is in the _____ through lust.

Note: To believe in Jesus is to take him as our **redeemer** and our **pattern**. If we **abide** in him and he abides in us, we are **partakers of his divine nature**, and are **doers** of his word. **The love of Jesus in the heart will lead to obedience to all his commandments.** But the love that goes no farther than the lips, is a delusion; it will not save any soul. Many **reject** the truths of the Bible, while they **profess** great **love** for Jesus; but the apostle John declares, "He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him." While **Jesus has done all in the way of merit, we ourselves have something to do in the way of complying with the conditions.** "If ye love me," said our Saviour, "keep my commandments." HS 188.5

16. What kind of faith will God's people have in the last days?

Revelation 14:12 Here is the _____ of the saints: here are they that _____ the _____ of God, and the _____ of Jesus.

Ephesians 3:17-19 That Christ may _____ in your hearts by _____; that _____, being _____ and _____ in love, May be able to _____ with all saints what is the _____, and length, and _____, and height; And to _____ the love of

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Christ, which _____ knowledge, that ye might be _____ with all the _____ of God.

Revelation 3:10 Because thou hast _____ the _____ of my _____, I also will keep _____ from the hour of _____, which shall come upon _____ the world, to _____ them that _____ upon the earth.

1 Peter 1:3-7 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant _____ hath begotten us again unto a lively _____ by the _____ of Jesus Christ from the _____, To an _____ incorruptible, and undefiled, and that _____ not away, _____ in heaven for _____, Who are _____ by the _____ of God through _____ unto salvation ready to be _____ in the _____ time. Wherein ye greatly _____, though now for a _____, if need be, ye are in _____ through manifold _____: That the _____ of your _____, being much more _____ than of gold that _____, though it be _____ with _____, might be _____ unto praise and honour and glory at the _____ of Jesus Christ.

Note: Those who are **earnestly seeking a knowledge of the truth** and are **striving to purify their souls through obedience**, thus doing what they can to prepare for the conflict, will find, in the God of truth, **a sure defense**. "Because thou hast kept the word of My patience, I also will keep thee" (Rev. 3:10), is the Saviour's promise. **He would sooner send every angel out of heaven to protect His people than leave one soul that trusts in Him to be overcome by Satan.** GC 560.2

The work of the Holy Spirit is immeasurably great. It is from this **Source** that power and efficiency come to the worker for God; and the Holy Spirit is the Comforter, as the personal presence of Christ to the soul. **He who looks to Christ in simple, childlike faith is made a partaker of the divine nature through the agency of the Holy Spirit.** When led by the Spirit of God, the Christian may know that he is made **complete in Him** who is the head of all things. As Christ was glorified on the day of Pentecost, so will He again be **glorified** in the closing work of the gospel, when He shall prepare a people to stand the final test, in the closing conflict of the great controversy. YRP 177.2

Genuine faith is followed by love, and love by obedience. All the powers and passions of the converted man are brought under the control of Christ. His Spirit is a renewing power, transforming to the divine image all who will receive it. Mar 73.5

From the **root of true humility** springs the most precious **greatness of mind** – greatness which leads men to **conform to the image of Christ**. Those who possess this greatness **gain patience and trust in God**. Their faith is invincible. Their true consecration and devotion **keep self hidden**. The words that fall from their lips are molded into expressions of **Christlike tenderness and love**. Having a sense of their own weakness, they **appreciate the help which the Lord gives them**, and they **crave His grace that they may do that which is right and true**. By their manner, their attitude, and their spirit, they carry with them the **credentials of learners** in the **school of Christ**. TMK 37.4

The long night of watching, of toil and hardship, is nearly past. Christ is soon to come. Get ready. **The angels of God are seeking to attract you from yourself and from earthly things**. Let them not labor in vain. **Faith, living faith, is what you need; faith that works by love and purifies the soul**. Remember Calvary and the awful, the **infinite sacrifice** there made for man. Jesus now invites you to come to Him just as you are and **make Him your strength and everlasting Friend**. 3T 251.1

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