

LORD OPEN OUR EYES

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I want you to read the following verses of scripture found in the Book of Deuteronomy that is truly amazing. *"These are the words of the covenant, which the LORD commanded Moses to make with the children of Israel in the land of Moab, beside the covenant which he made with them in Horeb. And Moses called unto all Israel, and said unto them, Ye have seen all that the LORD did before your eyes in the land of Egypt unto Pharaoh, and unto all his servants, and unto all his land; The great temptations which thine eyes have seen, the signs, and those great miracles: Yet the LORD hath not given you an heart to perceive, and eyes to see, and ears to hear, unto this day" [Deuteronomy 29:1-4].*

In these verses, Moses is reminding the people that they had seen what God did to Pharaoh, his servants and to the land of Egypt. He said you have seen the great temptations, signs and miracles that God did in Egypt! They were eye witnesses to these awesome events!

Yet, they still didn't have a heart to understand, or eyes to see, or ears to hear! He is saying, you people are blind, deaf and dumb! Amazing! Yes! But there is something more shocking, the reason they were blind, deaf and dumb is because God had not opened their hearts to understand, their

eyes to see, nor their ears to hear! These impairments were not physical, they were spiritual!

They saw the great miracles but they still had little or no faith in God. They murmured and complained continuously during their wandering in the desert. They questioned God's power! Can God prepare a table in the wilderness? They Bible says, *"How oft did they provoke him in the wilderness, and grieve him in the desert! Yea, they turned back and tempted God, and limited the Holy One of Israel. They remembered not his hand, nor the day when he delivered them from the enemy"* [Psalms 78:40-42]. Oh, how this grieved the heart of God!

These ancient people were the seed of Abraham! They were God's people by heritage. God had chosen them in the loins of Abraham to be His special people in the earth. But because of their unbelief, they limited the Holy One of Israel! God wanted to bless them and He wants to bless us but many just cannot believe in the Goodness of God. They just cannot believe that God wants the best for them!

The miracle working power that God performed among them was for their sake, not His! Many folks today have gotten God's purpose backwards! God doesn't heal someone to prove He is God. He heals someone for two basic reasons. First, His compassion reaches out to the sick because God loves the person. Secondly, by performing the miracle of healing, the faith of many are bolstered. God wants you to have faith and be blessed!

But God has His limitations! He was sorely vexed by the ancient Israelites in the desert. He had proved Himself

over and over, but they continued their complaining. This is a great lesson for us. We must quit our complaining! God doesn't like it! Why, because God never changes. What He did yesterday, He will do today. Jesus taught us the God way of living. *"Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they? Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature? And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?"* [Matthew 6:25-30].

What is the God way of living? It's living by faith! The God way of life is not walking by sight, but by faith! This means our faith has eyes and sees what we cannot! Lord, open the eyes of my faith!

Think about this: How much time do you spend worrying about tomorrow? I would venture to say you spend a whole lot more time worrying than you do praying!

We need to ask God to open the eyes of our understanding. God wants us to see something in this message! We read about God's love and God's power. Many of us have seen or experienced the miracle working healing

power of God through the Name of Jesus. If you're a Christian, you know it's real but sometimes when you're under attack your faith is shaken, and it seems like you can't get victory. You pray and try to believe with all your heart, but your miracle doesn't come. When this happens, I believe you must turn to the Word of God and mix it with your faith. God's Word has a way of opening our eyes and the promises of God are realized.

"Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it. For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it" [Hebrews 4:1-2].

The writer of Hebrews states the Word will not profit anyone unless it is mixed with faith! Faith and the Word of God are necessary ingredients! These verses in Hebrews warns the New Covenant church that they could also fall short of God's promises.

Let's compare ourselves with the early disciples of our Lord. The New Testament says Jesus and Peter walked on the water. There were also seventy disciples of Jesus that healed the sick and cast out devils before they had received the Holy Ghost! Examine yourself in the light of those after Pentecost that raised the dead, healed the sick, cast out devils and performed many great miracles, signs and wonders in the name of Jesus. Truly we need God to open the eyes of our faith!

Doctors' offices around the world are full of sick and afflicted Christians! Visit any hospital and ask each person if

they are a Christian and a huge percentage will tell you they are! Medicine cabinets are full of both prescription and counter drugs; and many of God's people are addicted to them! There is a medicine seemingly for whatever ails you! I simply do not believe that God's people should be bound by drugs! What has happened to Faith in a God that heals and delivers?

What has happened to the old time Christians that placed their trust in God rather than man?! Who do you call when sickness invades your body? Do you first call for the Elders of the church, or do you head for the emergency room?

Our unbelief has blinded us! Where is your faith? God has already made provision for our healing! The Word of God plainly tells us in Isaiah 53:5, *"By his stripes you are healed"*. In the New Testament the Apostle Peter in 1Peter 2:24 tells us, *"By his stripes ye were healed"*. One was a prophecy and the other a proclamation that it has already happened. Are you blind? Can't you see? You are already healed!

Jesus paid for your healing by the stripes He suffered before He was taken to the cross. They beat Him with many stripes! Every time the whip came across His body, He was taking a beating for you and I. Yes, because of His stripes, we were all healed! Just as you must believe for your salvation, (we are saved by faith), you must believe for your healing, (we are healed by faith)! Many times, I have said, use the same faith! If you can believe for your salvation, you can believe for your healing! Both salvation and healing were provided for you at the cross!

Faith is the key! Simply put, God's promises are manifested by faith. Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God. God wants to Reward You! *"But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him"* [Hebrews 11:6]. Believe this Word!

Throughout the centuries, many have preached about the incredible faith of Jesus whereas He healed the sick, raised the dead, rebuked the winds and the seas; and did many wonderful and glorious acts of faith. But the question is not whether Jesus had faith. There is no doubt about this! But, do you have faith and are you willing to mix your faith with the Word I am giving you in this message?!

We must speak these things in faith! Do you remember the time when Jesus spoke to the fig tree and it died? *"And Peter calling to remembrance saith unto him, master, behold, the fig tree which thou cursedst is withered away. and Jesus answering saith unto them, have faith in God. for verily I say unto you, that whosoever shall say unto this mountain, be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass he shall have whatsoever he saith. therefore I say unto you, what things soever you desire when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them"* [Matthew 11:21-24].

Did Jesus mean what He said? What is the key to having what you desire? It is believing you have them before they are visible to you! Hebrews 11:1 tells us, *"Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not*

seen." Faith is also evidence! When you pray in faith, you actually believe you have what you are asking for before you receive it! And my friend those things that are hoped for when asked in faith become reality! If you can see it you can have it! Lord, open the eyes of my faith!

We are living in the age of restoration! One thing that must be restored is faith! Without faith it is impossible to please God! Jesus is searching for those that will take Him at His Word and mix the promises of God found in the Bible with their faith! Remember, *"For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us"* [2Corinthians 1:20]. His promises are activated and manifested by faith.

Dear reader, I have some questions for you. Who will believe His report?! Who will believe His Word?! Are all things still possible? Has Jesus changed? Is God dead?

Another question that must be asked is: if we believe that Jesus has not changed; what is the requirement for man to activate this positive faith? Is there hope for this end time church? As always, the Word of God opens our eyes: *"I am the vine, ye are the branches: he that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. if ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. herein is my father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples"* [John 15: 5-8].

These verses unveil the secret of true discipleship! The definition of the word abiding is: to stay, remain, live! To abide in Him would mean to live in Him! To live in Him is to live in His Word! This empowers us to step into the supernatural and walk by faith, not troubled by our present circumstances!

You must receive Christ in your heart to be saved, but you must also live in Him! You are un-fulfilled with just Christ in you! You also must be in Him! Jesus said if you live in me and my Word lives in you, then you can ask what you will and it shall be given you! I'm putting His Word in you right now! The Word of God must be sown in you in order for you to believe! When you live in Jesus, your eyes will be opened! Outside of Christ is nothing but gross darkness. Outside of Christ you will stumble and fall.

Many of you have been influenced by the perverted gospel of the serpent! He has sown unbelief and false doctrine in your heart and now you must deliver yourself from his lies and cast them out of your heart. His lies must be replaced with God's truth! All things are still possible! Jesus Christ is the same! Satan is a liar! Wake up and believe God!

How do we exercise the power? First of all, make your calling and election sure. Make sure you are in the faith! If you believe Jesus really lives in you by the Holy Ghost; then you must now begin to live in Him through His Word! God is not a liar. If you abide in Christ and he abides in you, you will be able to ask what you will! And children, it will be done! You see when you have this very personal relationship with Christ, your desires will become His Will and His desires. You

will be one with Him! This is how the Father is glorified! God wants to answer your prayers! He wants to open your eyes of faith! God is not glorified by not healing and working miracles! He is glorified when miracles happen! Remember, God wants to answer your prayer! He has already provided your healing! Just mix your faith with His Word! You must approach Him in positive faith believing He will perform that which you ask of Him.

Here is how James said it: *"But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. for he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing from the Lord" [James 1:5-6].*

James also tells us the prayer of faith shall save the sick! Shall save the sick?! It doesn't say that the prayer of faith might save the sick! It says, shall save the sick. He goes on to say that the Lord shall raise him up. This is God's Word! It cannot fail. Are the eyes of you faith open?

Let's take a look at Hebrews chapter eleven, verse six again: *"But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him" [Hebrews 11:6].*

Faith That Pleases God.

- (1) You must Believe: Faith is Believing.
- (2) You must Believe: That He is God.
- (3) You must Believe: That He will reward you.

Remember, God's Word has already told us that His will is to save, heal and deliver! Therefore, He most assuredly is a rewarder. And who does He reward? Those that diligently or earnestly seek Him.

Jesus said, *"And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive"* [Matthew 21:22].

Do you believe it? Does He really mean all things? Yes my friend. He means exactly what He says! Are you waiting on Him, or is He waiting on you?

I do not know what your needs are. But I can truthfully say that it is not God's will for you to be sick! Sickness is of the devil! Your heart may cry, "Father help thou mine unbelief!" And even in this, we must believe that God will help us!

Are you ready to mix your faith with God's Promises? Remember, we must believe that He is God! Do you believe that Jesus is our God?! Now we must also believe that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him! Do you believe He will reward you, and will give whatever you ask Him for?

Praise God, if you can believe, nothing will be impossible for you. You have mixed His Word with your faith!

If the eyes of your faith have been opened there is nothing impossible for you! One of the most powerful verses in all the Bible confirms just where the Great Power of God resides. Believe it!

"Now unto him that is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us" [Ephesians 4:20].