

Believing is Seeing

The scriptures tell us in Hebrews 11:1 that "Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see." We have all heard the cliché: "I'll believe it when I see it." What is clear, through scripture, is that those who call upon the name of the Lord must counter with "I'll see it when I believe it." Continuing on in Hebrews 11 in verse 6, we find that "without Faith it is impossible to please God." If Faith is defined as "being sure of that which we don't presently see" and without that Faith we cannot please God, then as children of God it must be natural for us to not only believe in all of God's promises but to see and call them complete even if our natural eyes reveal the contrary. The difficulty in this process is just that. Many times our natural sight is contrary to our spiritual sight. As we walk out our relationship with God, so often our flesh determines what we believe about God and His actions toward us.

What God is saying to us in Hebrews 11:1 & 6, and throughout His Word from Genesis to Revelation, is that His children are first and foremost spirit. The physical body is simply the container for our spirit. God desires for us to walk, talk and think in the spirit and by doing so the physical will receive what the spirit achieves. Sadly, we often hear from Christian men and women these two misguided statements: "He's too heavenly minded to be of any earthly good" and "To be balanced we must be Christians with a brain." The danger in these statements is that what they are really saying is "we can't trust the Holy Spirit to rightly guide us in all things and through all things with perfect balance and wisdom." What they are saying is that "one must kick in the earthly brain to balance out the extremes of the Holy Spirit." What they are saying is "trust your physical eyes over your spiritual eyes." It is the spirit, which is reborn. It is the spirit, which is made pure. It is the spirit, which is eternal. Therefore, we must walk in the spirit, talk in the spirit and believe in the spirit.

God wants His children to be bigger than their flesh and to have knowledge and wisdom beyond the physical mind. I Corinthians 2:14 tells us that "the man without the spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned." Spiritual wisdom transcends physical wisdom; therefore, spiritual reality transcends physical reality. Anyone can believe in something they already have. They look and see it held tightly in their hand. It is the born again believer, filled with and guided by the Holy Spirit, that believes in and sees what the spirit is doing. Physical sight can be 20/20. Spiritual sight cannot be measured but it can be limited by unbelief. Seeing isn't believing, believing is seeing.