

Faith In The Voice Of The Creator God

What God has ever done for anyone He will do for anybody else who meets His conditions.

Hebrews 11:6 [King James] *“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.”*

Such faith must be in the Word of God, the Christian Bible, that which God has inspired to be written, [**2 Timothy 3:6**] revealing who He is and what He has promised.

We may say, *“Yes, I’m a believer, I believe The Bible, I don’t like those modernists, liberals and modern scientists who deny The Bible. I believe that God does bless people, but at some future time, in some other place and some other people.”*

That is the voice of unbelief!

Faith, in the voice of God, is the enzyme that makes it possible to digest all we read in God’s Word, the Christian Bible, to assimilate it and receive energy to live a life that will bring glory to our Saviour and Creator God.

The voice of belief says, *“Anything God promised and did at any time in any place for anyone God will do for us now if we meet the same conditions.”*

When God’s mighty voice thunders down the years, He speaks to His people called Israel and now He also speaks to His people called Christians.

Nothing has happened to invalidate His promises, we must always remember that.

Nothing in philosophy, nothing that science has ever discovered, can invalidate God’s promises, as recorded in His Word, the Christian Bible.

God’s people can always quote the Word of God and say *“Here is the living Word of God.”*

John 1:1-4, 14 [NIV] *“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of men.” ... “The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.”*

Jesus Christ is the living Word of God and has received all power and authority from God the Father, [**Matthew 28:18**].

1 Corinthians 10:3-4 [NIV] *“They all ate the same spiritual food and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ.”*

Jesus Christ was the God of the Old Testament promises, and translated “Lord” the Hebrew word “*yehôvâh*” or Jehovah meaning self-existent or eternal and Lord.

There are seven names for God that are a compound with the word Jehovah.

1) Jehovah – Jireh – meaning the Lord will provide. If the people of God would remember this, and Who it is that will provide.

The God who laid the foundations of the earth and who stretched out the heavens like a curtain, [**Isaiah 40:22**] and who looks on the nations and sees them as dust in the balance, [**Isaiah 40:15**].

2) Jehovah – Rapha – meaning the Lord who heals you.

We do not hear much about this quality of God, yet James reminded us that God does still heal, [James 5:14-15]. Some try to believe but take pills to beat sickness.

3) **Jehovah – Nissi** – the Lord is our banner – the flag or beacon around which we gather.

4) **Jehovah – Shalom** – the Lord is our peace, [John 14:27; Isaiah 9:6].

5) **Jehovah – Roi** – the Lord is our shepherd, [John 10:1-16, 26-28].

6) **Jehovah – Tsidkenu** – the Lord is our righteousness, [Romans 4:13-24].

7) **Jehovah – Shammah** – the Lord is present here, there is nowhere in the universe where the Creator God is not present, [Psalms 139:1-16].

This is the mighty God who is speaking and who wants to communicate with us.

This is the One whom we are dealing with, who only can give us the gift of eternal life.

Psalms 39:4-5 [King James] *“LORD, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is; that I may know how frail I am. Behold, thou hast made my days as an handbreadth; and mine age is as nothing before thee: verily every man at his best state is altogether vanity. Selah.”*

Compared with eternity our lifespan is nothing.

Psalms 90:12 [King James] *“So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.”*

We must grab hold of every opportunity to get to know the Creator God more intimately and yield to Him so that He can prepare us to live with Him, [1 Peter 1:15-17].

Isaiah 43:11-13 [NIV] *“I, even I, am the LORD, and apart from me there is no saviour. I have revealed and saved and proclaimed, I, and not some foreign god among you. You are my witnesses,’ declares the LORD, ‘that I am God. Yes, and from ancient days I am he. No-one can deliver out of my hand. When I act, who can reverse it?’”*

This is what the Creator God is telling all generations of human beings.

The great Almighty God is the god of history and wants us to remember what He did with and for His people in the past.

Isaiah 43:16-17 [NIV] *“This is what the LORD says, he who made a way through the sea, a path through the mighty waters, who drew out the chariots and horses, the army and reinforcements together, and they lay there, never to rise again, extinguished, snuffed out like a wick:”*

God reminds us how He brought Israel out of slavery in Egypt, a type of sin, and He will as our Saviour bring us out of the slavery of sin.

Isaiah 43:19-20 [NIV] *“See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland. The wild animals honour me, the jackals and the owls, because I provide water in the desert and streams in the wasteland, to give drink to my people, my chosen,”*

God wants to bring us out of the desert and wasteland of spiritual ignorance and chronic unbelief, and give us water of life, [Revelation 22:16-17].

2 Peter 3:9 [King James] *“The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.”*

It is the Creator God's desire that all human beings will repent so that He can offer to them life eternal.

Exodus 3:14 [King James] *"I am that I am"* – a declaration of a Being who is self-existent, He has his being of himself, and has no dependency on any other. Being self-existent He cannot be but self-sufficient, and therefore all sufficient, an inexhaustible fountain of power.

He is also eternal and unchanging, always the same yesterday, today and forever.

Being unchangeable He is always faithful and true to His word as well as His nature, [**Titus 1:2; Malachi 3:6; Hebrews 13:8**].

God told Israel this and He tells every generation of humans exactly the same thing.

When we accept this truth about the Creator God we can then say certain things about our own lives as a disciple and potential created child of His.

I can't but You can, God.

I am not able but You are able.

I am not wise but You are the source of all true wisdom.

As we approach the Triune God never forget that all the power of the great Jehovah that is revealed through His glorious names is channelled through the Person of His Son Jesus Christ, [**Matthew 28:18-20**] to His people.

When God says, *"I will do a new thing"* He means He will be repeating for a new generation what He did for an old generation.

If God is all this to us, then there is no reason why anybody should be downhearted.

If God could make the universe out of nothing why can't He make anything He wants now for His people?

God invites us to see Him at work.

Isaiah 42:8-9 [King James] *"I am the LORD: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images. Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare: before they spring forth I tell you of them."*

When God intervenes on behalf of His people He will do it in a way that nobody gets the glory but Himself.

Isaiah 48:9-11 [NIV] *"For my own name's sake I delay my wrath; for the sake of my praise I hold it back from you, so as not to cut you off. See, I have refined you, though not as silver; I have tested you in the furnace of affliction. For my own sake, for my own sake, I do this. How can I let myself be defamed? I will not yield my glory to another."*

There was nothing in Israel's actions, attitudes or accomplishments to compel God to love and save them. But for His own sake, to show who He is and what He can do, He saved them.

God does not save us, in this generation, because of our goodness but because He loves us and because of His forgiving nature, and being faithful to His promises and His Word.

Part of this love for us is to test us in *"the furnace of affliction"* for without this refining we will **not** become pure [holy] and more like Jesus Christ.

Romans 5:1-4 [NIV] *“Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.”*

Suffering is part of our developing godlike character.

James 1:2-4 [NIV] *“Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.”*

Trials and the suffering that they bring is the way we mature as Christians and become holy, [“not lacking anything”] as God is holy, [**1 Peter 1:15-16**].

Hebrews 2:9-11 [NIV] *“But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honour because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. In bringing many sons to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the author of their salvation perfect through suffering. Both the one who makes men holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers.”*

The human Jesus Christ was made perfect through suffering and became an elder brother to all humanity, and we can relate to Him in our maturing through our suffering, [Hebrews 2:17-18; 1 Peter 4:12-19].

If we dare to believe what we have just learnt, we will see God begin to move in great strength and power in this generation.

No-one will be able to say *“this man or woman did it,”* but we will be able to say God did it for this generation as He did for other generations, so that He may be known, worshipped and glorified.

Zechariah 4:6 [NIV] *“So he said to me, ‘This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: “Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,” says the LORD Almighty.’”*

When revival comes to the sleeping Christian Church it will not be by the power or might of human beings but by power of the Almighty God and the Holy Spirit who is one Person in the Triune Godhead.

The background of this scripture is the rebuilding of God’s Temple in Jerusalem when the moral and spiritual environment of the people of God was at an all-time low.

It is **only** through God’s Holy Spirit that anything of lasting value can be accomplished.

As we seek to live a Christian life, determine **not** to trust in our own strength and abilities, instead depend on God and work in the power of an active Holy Spirit within us.