

Have Faith in God #1

Introduction:

- A. More than ever we need to teach people to have faith in God.
 - 1. Humanistic philosophy in increasingly convincing people that there is no God.

I. Let Us Have Faith in the *PERSON* of God.

- A. Since the existence of Deity was readily accepted, the Bible simply assumes that He exists.
 - 1. Gen.1:1; Psa.14:1.
 - 2. To be saved, one must believe that God exists – Heb.11:6.
 - a. Jesus said to his disciples: **“Have faith in God”** – Mk.11:22.
 - b. When Jehoshaphat led the army of Judah against Ammon and Moab, he urged his people: **“...believe in Jehovah your God...”** – 2 Chron.20:20.
 - c. Jn.14:1– **“1 Let not your heart be troubled: believe in God, believe also in me.”**
- B. There are several reasons why I believe in the person of God.
 - 1. The Bible affirms such.
 - 2. There is no other reasonable explanation for the universe.
 - 3. Otherwise I must become god myself.
 - a. When one says there is no God, he must be omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipresent.
 - 4. Every attempt to disprove the existence of God can be successfully refuted.
 - 5. It is safer to believe in God than to believe otherwise.
- C. We need to have faith in the *person* of God.

II. Let Us Have Faith in the *POWER* of God.

- A. Our God is powerful.
 - 1. He is referred to in scripture as the Almighty God – Gen.17:1; Ex.6:3.
- B. Nothing is beyond God’s power to accomplish – Gen.18:14; Lk.1:37; Matt.19:26.
 - 1. As evidenced in Creation – Psa.33:6.
 - 2. In miraculously providing a way for Israel to cross the Red Sea – Ex.14:13.
 - 3. At the destruction of Jericho – Josh.6.
 - 4. That preserved Daniel from the lions – Dan.6.
 - 5. In the healing of Naaman – 2 Kings 5.
- C. Indeed, our God is Almighty!
 - 1. Heb.7:25; 2 Tim.1:12; 2 Cor.9:6-9; Phil.3:19-21; Eph.3:20.

III. Let Us Have Faith In the *PROVIDENCE* of God.

- A. Although the age of *miracles* has past, the age of *Providence* has not.
- B. God does work providentially in the lives of men.
 - 1. Joseph – Gen.45:7,8.
 - 2. Esther – Esther 4:14.
 - 3. Rom.8:28.
 - 4. we must come to believe that God does bless His people in this present world – Lk.6:38; Mk.10:28-30; Matt.6:33.
 - 5. We must come realistically to trust in the fact that God takes us into His care – 1 Pet.5:7; Lk.12:7.
- C. Can you see God working in your life today?

Conclusion:

- A. True faith in God and in His Son, involves: the belief that God is; that He is the Almighty; that He works in the lives of men today.