

Have Faith in God #2

Introduction:

- A. It is important for us to emphasize the need for Faith in God, and to explain what that involves.
- B. Review last week's lesson.
- C. We continue our study by looking at additional things we must have faith in to have faith in God.

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

- A. That God is *omnipresent* is repeatedly asserted throughout His word – Gen.16:13; 28:16; 1 Kings 8:27; Jer.23:23-24; Acts 17:24-28.
- B. Omnipresence simply means that wherever we are, we are always in His presence – Ps.139:7-12.
- C. Notice these descriptions of God's presence with us:
 - 1. God is ABOVE us – Eph.4:6.
 - 2. He is around us – Ps.125:2.
 - 3. He is BEFORE us – Ex.13:21.
 - 4. He is BEHIND us – Isa.30:21.
 - 5. He is BENEATH us – Deut.33:27.
 - 6. He is WITH us – Isa.41:10.
 - 7. He is IN us – Col.1:27.
- D. Faith in the Presence of God will ...
 - 1. Make us live better.
 - 2. Keep us from secret sin – Eccl.12:14.
 - 3. Sustain us in trials – Ps.46:1.
 - 4. Strengthen us in temptation – 1 Cor.10:13.
 - 5. Fortify us in persecution – 2 Tim.4:17.
 - 6. Comfort us in dying.
 - 7. Encourage us in praying – Matt.6:6.
 - 8. Thrill and motivate us in doing good – Matt.6:3,4.
- E. Do you believe in God's constant presence by your side?

II. Let Us Have Faith In the *PROMISES* of God.

- A. Abraham did – Rom.4:20-22.
- B. Moses did – Heb.11:26.
- C. Paul did – Acts 27:24,25.
- D. God is not slack concerning His promises – 2 Pet.3:9.
 - 1. His promises are great and precious – 2 Pet.1:4.
- E. Have faith in the promises of God found in these verses – Matt.6:33; Lk.6:38; 1 Cor.10:13; 1 Pet.5:7; Matt.28:20; Isa.55:10,11.
- F. Do the choices you make day by day reflect faith in the promises of God?

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

- A. 1 Thess.2:13.
- B. May we ever believe that God means what He says and says what He means.
 - 1. His word can be trusted!

Conclusion:

- A. True faith in God and in His Son, involves:
 - 1. The belief that God is, and that Jesus Christ is His Son.
 - 2. A realistic trust in God as Father, and in His Son as Savior.
 - 3. A genuine obedience to the instructions contained in the divine revelation – Rom.1:5; 16:26; Heb.11:8,28,30.