

## **Do You Believe God?**

Do you believe God? Not simply that there is a God, but do you believe God will do what He says He will do? James showed the invalid nature of believing in God, but not obeying Him, when he said, "Thou believeth that God is one; thou doest well, the demons also believe, and shudder" (2:19). Just believing there is a God will not suffice for obedience. Paul said, "For Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned unto him for righteousness" (Romans 4:3). Why? Because, "By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed to go out unto a place which he was to receive for an inheritance" (Hebrews 11:8). Just as Abraham believed God concerning the promises He gave, so also must we believe God will do what He says he will do. God says, "So then each one of us shall give account of himself to God" (Romans 14:12). God says, "For we must all be made manifest before the judgment-seat of Christ; that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he hath done, whether it be good or bad" (1 Corinthians 5:10). God said, concerning the righteous and the wicked, "And these (wicked, emph. mine, ret) shall go away into eternal punishment: but the righteous into eternal life" (Matthew 25:46). Do you believe God?  Yes or  No? If not, why not? What evidence do you have that would nullify God's promises: the blessing as well as the curse. ret