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Tuesday-Wednesday, 12/11/18–12/12/18 - Group Studies

Lesson Series: Curing Faithlessness

Lesson Series Text: (*Mat. 17:14-21*)

Lesson (2): Entering Into The Rest

Lesson (2) Text: (*Heb. 4:1-12*)

All Scriptures are KJV; unless otherwise noted.

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- I. Last time we spoke on faith, doubt, and unbelief.
- II. Paul warns about entering into God's Rest. (1)
 - A. Let us **therefore** fear.
 - a. Paul is referring to Hebrews chapter 3, where the Israelites, who came out of Egypt with Moses, failed to enter the promised land of rest. (3:7-12, 18-19)
 - b. Fear - We need to have a genuine concern of not entering into His rest.
 - B. To those who came out of Egypt, their rest was physical.
 - C. To us, the rest is spiritual—it comes through our salvation provided by the finished works of Jesus Christ.
 - a. This rest includes not only our salvation, but all that comes with the word salvation (*sōzō* - *health, healing, prosperity, deliverance, etc.*)
 - D. The word preached unto them didn't profit them, because they didn't mix the **Word** with **Faith**. (2)
 - a. This is similar to the epoxy glue. The resin and hardener must be mixed to get the desired result.
- III. Children of Israel, because of their unbelief couldn't enter into their promised land.
 - A. God fully intended to bring the children of Israel into the land. (*Exo. 23:20-23*)
 - a. He sent His angel before them to keep them in the way.
 - b. He prepared the promised land for them.
 - c. If they obey his voice, God would be an enemy to their enemies and an adversary unto their adversaries.
 - d. Just because God promises us something, doesn't mean that we will receive it, if we don't believe Him.

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- e. Just because it is God's will for us to have it, doesn't mean that we will receive it, if we don't believe Him.
- f. They provoke their angel. Sometimes, if we are not cautious, we will provoke our angels.
- B. They knew what God had promised, but they wouldn't believe it!!!
- C. When we know what God has said, and we know that God can't lie, and we won't mix any faith with it—then we are in unbelief.
- IV. Every man has been dealt the measure of faith. (*Rom. 12:3*)
 - A. If faith comes from hearing God's word, then God's own faith is in God's Words.
 - B. The bible says that faith comes by hearing, it didn't say that faith comes by reading.
 - C. The tongue needs to be involved in speaking the word, so that we can hear it!!!
 - D. Even when you and I are meditating on the word, we need to be speaking it over, over, and over again.
 - E. Romans 10:8 says that the "Word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth and in thy heart; that is, the Word of Faith, which we preach".
 - F. When we don't see the thing that we desire, we must call for it in prayer and confession! (*Mark 11:23*)
- V. Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. (*Heb. 11:1*)
 - A. Faith comes by hearing—hearing either God Words or Satan and this world systems words.
 - B. Faith gives substance to what you are hoping for.
 - C. Faith becomes our evidence of what we can't see yet.
 - D. We don't need faith for the thing that we can see—it's in the realm of the physical and knowledge.
 - E. We need faith for what we can't see—it's in the realm of the spirit and is unseen.
 - F. Faith gives the substance to what God Word has promised and it is our proof that it exist in the spirit realm.
- VI. What should we be desiring from God?
 - A. All things that pertain to life and Godliness. (*2 Pet. 1:3*)
 - B. How is it possible to receive these promises?

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- a. Through the knowledge of God.
 - b. Through the exceeding great and precious promises.
- VII. Jesus said that if you had faith the size of a mustard seed, and shall say to the mountain, be thou removed, and shall not doubt, then the mountain will be removed.
- A. When we stand before the mountain and say that you are getting bigger, and know what Jesus said, and still declare that the mountain is getting bigger, then we are acting in unbelief
 - B. When we say that we will never get healed, then we are aligning ourselves with unbelief and fear.
- VIII. Faith and fear comes by hearing. There is always a reciprocal of truth, it's called a lie. There is a reciprocal of faith, it's called fear.
- A. If we pray the problem day in and day out, then we will have great faith in the problem.
 - B. But, on the contrary, if we pray or confess the word day in and day out, we will have great faith in God's Word; which is the solution.
 - C. The promises of God has the ability and the divine energy to cause the promises to come to pass.
- IX. Let us labor therefore to enter into our rest. *(11-12)*