



# RELIGION

*Scripture of the Week*

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## Put On Your Gospel Fighting Clothes

BY MATTIE ANN CALLIER-SPEARS

Long faces, silent tears and signs of open frustration are all signals showing defeat. If you are a servant Lord, don't let it happen to you. Satan is a defeated foe and each of you have the power to overcome.

There are several things that we must know about the evil one, as he lurks about our lives.

1. He deludes us with facts by sight. We, Christian believers, don't have to see to believe. For-God put faith into our hearts. Faith overcomes what our eyes see and don't see. We don't have to see to believe.

What is faith? It is the confident assurance that something we want is going to happen. It is the certainty that what we hope for is waiting for us, even though we cannot see it up ahead. Men of God, in days of old, were famous for their faith.

By faith-by believing God-we know that the world and the stars-in fact, all things-were made at God's command; and that they were all made from things that can't be seen, such as: atoms, electrons and etc.

It was by faith that Abel obeyed God and brought an offering that pleased God more than Cain's offering did. God accepted Abel and proved it by accepting his gift; and though Abel is long dead, we can still learn lessons from him about trusting in God.

Enoch trusted God, too, and that is

why God took him away to heaven without dying; suddenly he was gone because God took him. Before this happened God has said how pleased he was with Enoch. You can never please God without faith, without depending on Him. Anyone who wants to come to God must believe that there is a God and that He rewards those who sincerely look for Him.

Noah was another who trusted God. When he heard God's voice warning about the future, Noah believed Him even though there was then no sign of a flood, and wasting no time, he built the ark and saved his family. Noah's belief in God was in direct contrast to the sin and disbelief of the rest of the world-which refused to obey-and because of his faith he became one of, those who God has accepted.

Abraham trusted God, and when God told him to leave home and go far away to another land which he promised to give him, Abraham obeyed. Away he went, not knowing where he was going.

Sarah, the wife of Abraham, too, had faith, and because of this she was able to become a mother in spite of her old age, for she realized that God, who gave her His promise, would certainly do what He said.

While God was testing him, Abraham still trusted in God and his promises, and so he offered up his son Isaac, and was ready to slay him on the altar of sacrifice: yes, to slay even Isaac, through

who God had promised to give Abraham a whole nation of descendants!

All these persons of faith died without ever receiving all that God had promised them; but they saw it all awaiting them on ahead and were glad, for they agreed that this earth was not their real home but that they were just strangers visiting down here. And quite obviously when they talked like that, they were looking forward to their real home in heaven.

If they had wanted to, they could have gone back to the good old times of this world. But they didn't want to. They were living for heaven. And now God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has made a heavenly city for them.

It would certainly take too long to recount all the accounts of faith throughout Biblical history-but, through it all they continued to trust in God. They waited and depended upon the Lord and His promises.

So, why is it necessary for us to see. Anybody can believe when it is seen. But faith causes us to depend on unseen evidence because God said it.

There will be times when your fellow workers, family members, and friends will think that you are truly crazy for not panicking and pulling your hair out-instead of remaining calm in the midst of a storm; but, with faith from God...you can overcome all obstacles placed in your path. God gives us a peace that an unbeliever just can

not understand.

Faith looks at what God has said and not on our condition. If we would go on what we see, alone, we would never accomplish nothing. We can have the same kind of faith that Abraham had if we would just BELIEVE and put all our trust in Christ Jesus.

2. Every failure is final and fatal. "There is no way out" says Satan. Well, he is a liar. We are all somebody, in Christ Jesus. God loves to pick up failures. Everyone feeling like you're a failure know that Jesus will pick you up and make you victorious over any and all evil pressures, like: drugs, prostitution, gang banging, homelessness, stealing, lying, cheating, alcoholism, homosexuality and more. Jesus will increase where we have decreased.

In your lowest hour, call on Jesus and He will give you strength. That strong right arm of Jesus will pick you up out of the muck and mire and make you to receive the VICTORY. Praise God! Hallelujah!

Are you in a mess? Jesus will pick you up and turn you around. He'll wash you in His blood and make you whole. Just turn your eyes on Jesus-the Son of the Most High God.

Do you have a sickness or a handicap? God wants you well. The devil wants you sick and blaming God for your infirmity. However, some persons are born with deformities, they may suffer from illnesses, which are inherited or they may be accidentally

injured thereby causing some physical disfunction. Not all illnesses and/or maladies are of the devil. Christians, who may become ill, stop looking to see what spiritual calamity may have occurred to have caused this illness. Look in the book of James, for it says "Call on God when you are tempted in divers places." Be happy! For when your way is rough, your patience has a chance to grow. So let it grow, and don't try to squirm out of your problems. For when your patience is finally in full bloom, then you will be ready for anything, strong in character, full and complete.

If you want to know what God wants you to do, ask Him, and he will gladly tell you, for he is always ready to give a bountiful supply of wisdom to all who ask Him; He will not resent it. But-when you ask Him, be sure that you really expect Him to tell you, for a doubtful mind will be as unsettled as a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind; and every decision you than make will be uncertain, as you turn first this way, and then that. If you don't ask with faith, don't expect the Lord to give you any solid answer.

Happy is the person who doesn't give in and do wrong when he is tempted, for afterwards he will get as his reward the crown of life that God has promised those who love Him. And remember, when someone want to do wrong it is never God who is tempting him, for God never wants us to do wrong and ever tempts anyone else to do it. Temp-

tation is the pull of man's own evil thoughts and wishes. These evil thoughts lead to evil actions and afterwards to the death penalty from God. So, don't be misled! Get rid of all that is wrong in your life, both inside and outside, and humbly be glad for the wonderful message we have received, for it is able to save our souls as it takes hold of our hearts.

Remember, these words, that I give to you today, is a message to be obeyed, not just to be read and set aside. Don't fool yourselves. For if a person just listens and does not obey, he is like a man looking at his face in a mirror; as soon as he walks away, he can't see himself anymore nor can he remember what he looks like. But if anyone keeps looking steadily into God's law for free men, He will not only remember it, but He will do what it says, and God will greatly bless him in everything he does.

And now, as the letter to the Hebrews was ended [Hebrews 13:20-21], so to an end I too must come, "And now may the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, equip you with all you need for doing his will. May He who became the great Shepherd of the sheep by an everlasting agreement between God and you, signed with his blood, produce in you through the power of Christ all that is pleasing to Him. To Him be glory forever and ever. Amen."

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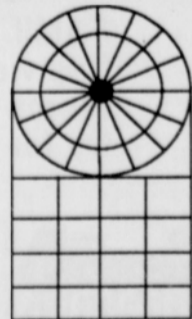
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