



How to Talk with God, Message #2

Heb 11:1-6 and Matt 21:22

“Why would you not believe me on this son? Why would I lie to you?”

The Problem: We often have a hard time believing God’s explanations of reality.

Faith is complete certainty of what we hope for, cannot see, and have been promised. (v 1)

The outcome of faith is God’s approval—commendation. (v 2)

The Spectrum of Faith: Unbelief—Weak Faith—Faith—Presumption—Demanding—Insanity.

Some examples of faith in operation are:

- Creation. (v 3)
- Abel. (v 4)
- Enoch. (v 5)

The only way to please God is to believe in Him and to believe Him. (v 6)

- I must believe that He exists:
- I must believe His explanations of reality:

The central requirement (though not the only requirement) for answered prayer is believing.
Matthew 21:22

Walking Papers

“Practical helps for walking the Christian walk this week.”

In talking with God: I must believe in Him and I must believe Him.

Every day please read: Hebrews 11:1-6 and Matthew 21:20-22.

- **Today.** Regarding Heb 11:1 what are the things you are hoping for and the unseen things that you ache to happen? As best as you can tell are these things aligned with the will of God? If so, are you believing Him for them—convinced that they will happen? If they are not aligned with God’s will then what?

- **Monday.** Regarding Heb 11:2 why is faith so critical to the gaining of God’s approval? Are you living a “faith-based” life—trusting God and believing His explanations of reality?

- **Tuesday.** Please reflect on your life in regard to each position on “The Faith Spectrum.” Are there things in your life that could be filled in these various positions below?
 - Unbelief: _____
 - Weak Faith: _____
 - Faith: _____
 - Presumption: _____
 - Demanding: _____
 - Insanity: _____

- **Wednesday.** Regarding Heb 11:3 where are you on believing God’s explanations about the realities of creation? Check out: www.answersingenesis.org

- **Thursday.** Regarding Heb 11:4 do the sacrifices you give to God reflect a heart of faith or a mind of doubt?

- **Friday.** Regarding Heb 11:6 are you faithfully “walking with God?”

- **Saturday.** Regarding Matthew 21:22 do you ask God “believing?”

Note for Connection Groups: The full study guide for small group and personal study is available at: www.cypressbible.org (Quick Menu / Connect / Community Papers).