

Abraham's And Thomas' Faith

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Scripture Meditation

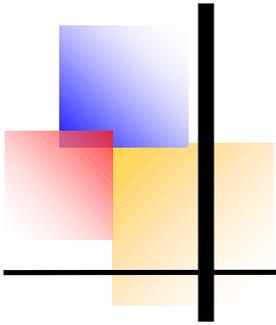
John 20:24-29 But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came. **25** The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, **Except I shall see** in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, **I will not believe.** **26** And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you. **27** Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and **be not faithless**, but believing. **28** And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God. **29** Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, **because** thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: **blessed** are they that have **not seen**, and yet have believed. KJV

Mark 6:4-6 But Jesus said unto them, A prophet is not without honour, but in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his own house. **5 And he could there do no mighty work**, save that he laid his hands upon a few sick folk, and healed them. **6** And he marvelled **because of their unbelief**. And he went round about the villages, teaching. KJV

2 Corinthians 4:18 While we **look not** at the things which **are seen**, but at the things which are **not seen**: for the things which are **seen** are **temporal**; but the things which are **not seen** are eternal. KJV

Points to consider

- † The scripture didn't say He would not do any mighty works. It said He could not! If Jesus could not do any mighty works because of their unbelief what makes us think we can get very far with God with unbelief instead of faith?
- † Abraham believed what God said which was something he could not see. The natural mind or circumstances said to Abraham you will never receive God's promise. You couldn't have children when you were young, so what makes you think you can have a child now that you are over 100 years old.
- † Abraham believed according to that which was spoken instead of what the circumstances told him. He was justified, declared free of blame [righteous]. Abraham was called the friend of God. "They which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham". Things that are seen are subject to change. Things that are not seen are not subject to change. Abraham was a doer of (2 Corinthians 4:18).
- † Thomas believed circumstances instead of the Word of God. Jesus was the Word and He taught them that He would have to die and be raised from the dead. That should have been enough for Thomas to believe but it wasn't. Thomas wouldn't even believe his comrades, and they had seen the Lord. Unbelief always bases everything it believes on what it can see and feel. Jesus said you are blessed [you receive blessing] when you believe and have not seen.



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Greek Word Studies

Quickeneth - zoopoieo, to make alive, to endue with life, produce alive, preserve alive.

Considered - katanoeo, to perceive, the action of the mind in apprehending certain facts about a thing; hence, to consider; behold.

Persuaded - plerophoreo, to carry out fully (in evidence), completely assure (or convince), entirely accomplish.

Imputed, Accounted - logizomai, to take an inventory or estimate.

Righteousness - dikaiosune equity (of character or act); specially (Christian). the character or quality of being just righteous.

Justified - dikaioo, to render (i.e. show or regard as) just or innocent: free, shown to be right.

Wrought - sunergeo, to be a fellow-worker, i.e. co-operate, work together, help.

English Word Studies

Consider - To think carefully about. To think or deem to be; regard as. To form an opinion about; judge. To take into account; bear in mind. To show consideration for. To esteem; regard. To look at thoughtfully. To think carefully; reflect.

Stagger - To move or stand unsteadily, as if under a great weight; totter. **To begin to lose confidence or strength of purpose; waver.** To cause to totter, sway, or reel. **To overwhelm with emotion or astonishment. To cause to waver or lose confidence.**

Persuade -To induce to undertake a course of action or embrace a point of view by means of argument, reasoning, or entreaty.

Impute - To attribute; credit.

Justify - To demonstrate or prove to be just, right, or valid. To declare free of blame; absolve. To free (a human being) of the guilt and penalty attached to grievous sin. Used only of God.

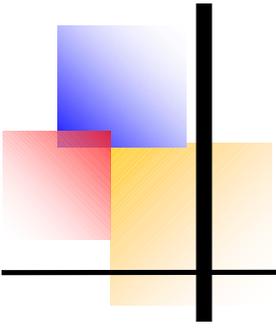
Extra Blessing

(Study To Show Yourself Approved Unto God 2 Timothy 2:15)

Romans 3:30 Ephesians 6:16 Romans 5:2 Hebrews 4:2

Romans 10:17 Hebrews 10:38 Romans 14:23 Hebrews 11:6

2 Corinthians 5:7



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Study Questions

1. Why could Jesus do no mighty works?
2. What did Jesus say to Thomas in John 20:29?
3. Why was Abraham called the friend of God?
4. In Romans 4:18 Abraham believed according to what?
5. Explain what it means to call those things that be not as though they were.
6. Using the word study definitions expound on Romans 4:19-21.
7. Using the word study definitions expound on Romans 4:23-25.
8. What do you see as a difference between Abraham's faith and Thomas' faith?