

Hebrews *A Great Cloud of Witnesses*

FAITH THAT CAUSES GOD TO MARVEL

Throughout scripture, God makes it clear that faith is critically important. Faith is required to please him (Heb. 11:6), to glorify him (Rom. 4:20), to obtain justification with him (Hab. 2:4; Rom. 1:17), and to walk with him (2 Cor. 5:7; Gal. 2:20). We are told to abound in faith (2 Cor. 8:7), increase our faith (2 Cor. 10:15; Lk. 17:5), and examine whether we are in the faith (2 Cor. 13:5). There are no exceptions to this fundamental truth throughout human history to present day. In fact, faith is so important to God that he is continuously searching for men and women to be key players in his epic plan, but it is required that they trust and obey him individually by faith.

Proverbs 15:3 – *“The eyes of the LORD are in every place, beholding the evil and the good.”*

Proverbs 5:21 – *“For the ways of man are before the eyes of the LORD, and he pondereth all his goings.”*

2 Chronicles 16:9 – *“For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him.”*

As we will see today in the message, there are two times in his earthly ministry when Jesus marvelled. Both instances involve faith (or the lack thereof). What is the state of your faith? Do you have faith that makes God marvel, in a good way?

DEFINING KEY TERMS:

Faith = *“Belief; the assent of the mind to the truth of what is declared by another, resting on his authority and veracity, without other evidence... Biblically, it is the belief in the truth of divine revelation, on the authority of God's testimony, accompanied with a cordial assent of the will of the heart; an entire confidence or trust in God's character and declarations with an unreserved surrender of the will to his guidance, and dependence on his merits for salvation (Webster's 1828)” – Deut. 32:20; Heb. 11:1, 6; Rom. 10:17*

Marvel = *“a wonder; that which arrests the attention and causes a person to stand or gaze, or to pause; to admire, to be astonished” – Gen. 43:33; Ex. 34:40; 1 Chr. 16:24; Job 37:5*

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1. THE SIN OF _____ – Mark 6:1-6

- a. It rejects clear, logical, and proven truth – vs. 2-3; Rom. 10:17; Jn. 17:17; 18:20
- b. It creates personal offense – vs. 3; Ps. 119:165; Prov. 13:10; Jn. 14:27
- c. It dishonours God – vs. 4; Ps. 78:40-42; Jn. 8:49
- d. It limits and stops God from working – vs. 5; Ps. 78:41; Heb. 3:12-19
- e. It causes God to marvel – vs. 6; Gal. 1:6

2. THE BLESSING OF GREAT _____ – Luke 7:1-10

- a. It is not expectant or presumptuous – vs. 4-5; Lk. 18:9-14; Mk. 12:41-44
- b. It is rooted in humility and truth – vs. 6-7; Matt. 15:21-28; Ps. 138:6
- c. It is not limited – vs. 7-8; Rom. 4:17-25; 1 Cor. 16:13
- d. It is used by God to rebuke others – vs. 9; Rom. 11:14; Heb. 10:24
- e. It causes God to marvel – vs. 9; Matt. 3:17; 1 Jn. 3:1