

Biblical Answers Week 21

Faith--Waiting for the Promises

2 Peter 1:4 Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

Heb 10:32 But be ever mindful of the days gone by in which, after you were first spiritually enlightened, you endured a great and painful struggle,

10:35-36 Do not, therefore, fling away your fearless confidence, for it carries a great and glorious compensation of reward. For you have need of steadfast patience and endurance, so that you may perform and fully accomplish the will of God, and thus receive and carry away [and enjoy to the full] what is promised. AMP

- Faith unites the _____ believer to Christ just as readily as it does the strong believer, so faith _____ the heart of them both.
- Faith, when it exists in a believer's life, takes hold of the Savior and applies the precious _____ of God.
- One of the most disturbing discoveries we make in the life of faith is that God does not _____ according to our schedule.
- For many there is a _____ period between praying and receiving.
- The time between asking and receiving is our most _____ time to allow Satan to attack us.
- When our faith _____ and the wind goes out of our faith sail, our feelings and fears will take over.
- The _____ are just as much a part of God's plan as the blessings He gives when prayers are answered.

So why the delays? Why the waiting?

1. Our faith must be fully _____ along with our character.
 2. God may desire to test the _____ of our desire and faith by withholding the object we desire.
 3. Sometimes God waits until we are _____ enough to handle it.
 4. God sometimes withholds the blessings until they become a _____ importance in our lives.
- _____ has done much to bless the church and also draw it away from faith in God.
 - With God, _____ is more important than time.
 - We must learn to seek His face not just His _____.

Faith: "Hang on Baby"

Faith can exist on two levels:

1. As the _____ act of trusting God for salvation.
 2. As a _____ activity and attitude.
- There is a faith that can _____ us to Jesus for saving grace and our needs, and there is a faith that _____ us there when the needs are not immediately supplied.
 - ***"Faith is the art of holding on to things your reason once accepted in spite of changing moods."*** CS Lewis
 - Sometimes faith needs to be _____ and _____.
 - When everything you once believed seems distant and improbable or even _____, you will need a faith that **hangs on baby** in order to stay the course and keep your eyes fixed on God and His promises.
 - If we have something to look ahead to, or a faith that makes us trust God, it will be easier to stay _____.

How to "Hang on Baby"

1. Remember godly _____ based on past _____.
 - The word confidence is really translated "_____."
 - It is a faithful courage and ability to face the unknown or trials and adversity with a godly confidence and _____.
 - We must accept _____ whatever God sends our way. That causes us to believe, by faith, what He is up to.
 - Forgetfulness is a hazard to the faith walk, so remember.
2. Practice faithful obedience and _____.
3. The _____ need not get _____.

Hebrews 10:38 But my righteous one will live by faith. And if he shrinks back, I will not be pleased with him."
4. Waiting and not quitting will always fine-tune our _____.
Patience is the _____ between the doing of God's will and the receiving of the promises and blessing God has for us.