

Message Title: Proving God's Will Pt-7

Theme: This message continues with the importance of proving God's will rather than just assuming that if it sounds right to us it must be right. It also begins to make clear how the fruit of the Spirit will change our responses to everyday difficulties and temptations.

God has made it very clear that there are priorities for us if we are going to accomplish what He desires. First is FAITH; this is not only essential for salvation, "with the heart man believeth unto righteousness", but it is also a necessity to accomplish the reason we have been created, "thou hast created all things and for thy pleasure they are and were created". The question then is how to increase faith.

First is faith by exposure to the word of God, "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God". Second is experience. In Matthew chapter 16 Jesus said to His disciples, "O ye of little faith, why reason ye among yourselves, because ye have brought no bread? Do ye not yet understand, neither remember the five loaves of the five thousand, and how many baskets ye took up? Neither the seven loaves of the four thousand, and how many baskets ye took up?". As we experience God's deliverance in our lives it increases faith. Third it is a gift from God in the fruit of the Spirit. "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance".

The problem for us all is that fear and faith work like a teeter-totter. When we are overwhelmed by eminent peril our faith can be reduced to zero as in Mark chapter four where Jesus was asleep in a ship, "and there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full. And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awake him, and say unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish? And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. And he said unto them, Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith? And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?". Is there a way to protect ourselves from fear, even this type of gripping fear? Yes! (Continued in the next message in the PDF *Text*)

Salient Points: Conformity to this world, Flesh vs Soul, Praying wrongly, Fervent prayer, Wanting more, God's enemies, Counterproductive beings, Renewing the mind, Focusing on God's greatness, A different perspective, The God-child-parent relationship, Looking for God's proof, Self justification, Clueless Christians, Wasted efforts, Increasing in love, Appreciating God's handywork, Tears of joy, The life changing effects of Peace Longsuffering Gentleness Goodness Faith Meekness & Temperance, Supernatural gifts, Good works.

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The speaker would like you to know that all of these messages are in the chronological progression that God revealed them, and even though many may stand alone, they progress through several subjects that build on the previous lessons. This series of messages titled "Our Timeless Creator" (OTC), shift the focus from salvation and service, to understanding God. How He who needs nothing, benefits from creating the human race. It started in 2007 when God brought the speaker to Psalm 50:15 three times following the miraculous healing of his dying wife. It reads, ***“And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me”***. Following this he prayed fervently. "LORD, show me how to glorify you and I will do the best I can". The speaker had become a new creature, (2 Corinthians 5:17) on May 20 1973. At that moment the reality of GOD's existence and the direct connection to the Bible became miraculously clear. Overwhelmed with excitement he began telling everyone who had a few moments to listen, what he had found, like a man who had found a cure for a terminal illness, which everyone had. His excitement and enthusiasm continued for well over a year, even when many said, "you'll get over it." Slowly his efforts began to focus on responsibility and all the how-tos of service. As the excitement faded it was replaced with frustration. He had said many times "the most frustrating thing in life is to know what GOD could do and watch him not do it". In 2005 GOD began a work as described in Job 5:17-18, that changed everything. He says, "it was much like when I first became a child of God all over again". He describes it like application of (2 Corinthians 3:18), "But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, *even* as by the Spirit of the Lord". Truly it has been a life changing experience as God increases and we, without trying, decrease.