

## Understanding Faith And The Bible

There are other aspects of faith, but our focus is "faith and the bible." Let us begin with the definitions of faith, in the King James Bible. The word "**faith**" is only in the Old Testament two times:

- **De 32:20 "And he said, I will hide my face from them, I will see what their end shall be: for they are a very froward generation, children in whom is no faith."** Faith here is from the Hebrew word 'emuwn (pronounced: ay-moon') and means: *established, trustworthiness, truth*.
- **Hab 2:4 "Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith."** Faith here is from the Hebrew word 'emuwnah (pronounced: em-oo-naw') and means: *firmness; security; moral fidelity, set office, stability, steady, truly, truth, verily*.

These both have the same root word and have the same definition. Their use is two opposing views; in **De 32:20** there is no faith, and in **Hab 2:4** there is solid, or true, faith. What is it which they either have "no faith in," or "have faith in?" The answer: that God and his Word are real and true.

Faith is used in the New Testament as a descriptive clause "little faith" 5 times:

- **Mt 6:30 "Wherfore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?"**
- **Mt 8:26 "And he saith unto them, Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith? Then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm."**
- **Mt 14:31 "And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherfore didst thou doubt?"**
- **Mt 16:8 "Which when Jesus perceived, he said unto them, O ye of little faith, why reason ye among yourselves, because ye have brought no bread?"**
- **Lu 12:28 "If then God so clothe the grass, which is today in the field, and tomorrow is cast into the oven; how much more will he clothe you, O ye of little faith?"**

Each use is from the Greek word [oligopistos (pronounced: ol-ig-op'-is-tos) and means] *incredulous; lacking confidence in Christ*. What is it that these people do not have full faith in? They are not fully confident in God, the Word of God, and Christ, to provide and protect.

Faith is used in the New Testament 224 times (a total of 231 times in the bible) and always has the same meaning. Faith is from the Greek word [pistis (pronounced: pis'-tis) and means] *persuasion, credence; moral conviction of (religious truth, or the truthfulness of God, or a religious teacher), especially reliance upon Christ for salvation; and constancy in such profession; the system of religious Gospel truth itself; assurance, belief, believe, fidelity*. The root Greek word [peitho (pronounced: pi'-tho) means] *to convince; to assent to evidence or authority, to rely upon by inward certainty*.

It is interesting to note; usually words in the bible have varying definitions in the Old and New Testaments, and often variances of definition by their use in both. It is clearly evident the word faith means the same thing in its every use in the bible. Even when used in the different texts above; we understand that being conjoined to little, or no, faith does not change the meaning of faith. Examine New Testament texts, which use the word faith speaking of Old Testament saints, and see that faith still carries the same definition, which is they believed God and his Word.

What does this tell us about faith and the bible? Faith is trusting, and believing the Words of God, and Christ, as the established and concrete truth. What is the King James bible? It is the written testimony of God and Christ. It is the Word of God.

Why is it necessary for Christians (children of God) to believe the King James bible? The King James bible has been proven to be "the" true translation of the Word of God, through extensive, historical, study, made by many people. It is what our faith is attached to, and what our faith is based upon.

Because the bible is the foundation for our faith, and trust, in God, and in Christ, what is our responsibility toward the bible, which is the true Word of God? Should we be content with little, or no, bible knowledge or faith? The answer is No! If we do not know what the bible teaches, what is the measure of our faith? Do you understand? The bible tells us about God, and we should believe that it is the same truth as Jesus and God are.

Thus, the devil is working hard to corrupt the King James bible text. There is only one truth, not many versions of the truth. You can hypothesize, or theorize, believe, or not believe, the truth, but that does not change the truth. There is only one true "Word of God" not many versions of the "Word of God." Why do you think that God included in the bible a statement of not changing the truth, the words, of the bible? ***Re 22:18-19; 18 "For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: 19 And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book."***

People say, but I cannot understand the King James bible. Do you know why you cannot understand it? Either your eyes are blinded, or you have not applied yourself to thorough study. How did you grow in knowledge, in nature, from a child to adulthood? You had to "study," being taught and tutored. The same principle is true in your spiritual life, and in your understanding, faith, and trust, in the King James bible, your trust in God and in Christ. This is why churches have bible study, and ministers, and teachers and preachers, who teach and preach the truths of the bible.

One of the prominent qualities of a preacher of the gospel is to be "***apt to teach,***" seen in:

- ***1Ti 3:2 "A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach;"***
- ***2Ti 2:24-26; 24 "And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, 25 In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; 26 And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will."*** How is it that people oppose themselves? By not believing the King James bible is the sole truth of God.

If preachers are not teaching the Word of God, they have failed in their commanded responsibility. Every time you hear a sermon you should learn something, and you will if you are seeking the truth. It may not always be something new to you, it may be reinforcement of what you already know. Do you remember complaining, at school growing up, at the repetition of your teachers? I did many times. But that is how we learn the truth, by the repeating of the truth, over and over, until it is so deeply rooted in your mind that you cannot remove it.

What does the bible teach us about growing up, maturing, spiritually?

- ***Eph 4:11-16; 11 "And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; 12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: 13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and***

*of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: 14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; 15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: 16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.*" We are to apply ourselves to diligent study, of the truth, as we grow and mature in faith of God and Christ, just as a natural child growing to adulthood and maturity.

- *2Pe 3:14-18; 14 "Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless. 15 And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you; 16 As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction. 17 Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness. 18 But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever. Amen."* We find here; we have peace when we are filled with the knowledge of the bible truth of Christ. Some do not understand the bible because they are unlearned of the bible truths, they do not know what the bible teaches. We also see, diligent study will bring growth and maturity, and ease of understanding.

Wherefore, faith in God, and the King James bible, is believing the bible is "**The**" (singular form) constant and consistent truth, of the word of God and Christ. Therefore, we should, as Christians, earnestly contend for the faith, because God, and Christ, are the embodiment of the bible. They are the Word; as demonstrated in the scripture in: *Joh 1:1-3; 1 "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 The same was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made."* This tells the Christian; you should be very stalwart in defending, and holding fast to, the King James bible, The Word of Truth!

If you believe that people today are smarter, and more learned, than those who were tasked by God to translate the King James bible into the English language, you believe in a different God than I do. All the disbelief, of the King James bible, is the work of Satan trying to destroy the faith of God's people in the truth, and validity, of God's word. The serpent started changing the word of God in the garden of Eden, and he has not quit, as is easily discerned by the multitude of variances, of what are proclaimed as new, easy to understand, updated bibles. Remember, *Mal 3:6 "For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed."* As God does not change, neither does the Word of God change. We are not consumed, by the changed word of God, through belief in the True Word of God, the King James bible.

Do you understand? The more you know of the bible, the more knowledge you have of God and Christ Jesus. Praise and glory to God, for the revelations of Christ Jesus from the bible. We pray that God will make his Word effectual, and fervent, in our minds and the desires of our heart. Let us stand fast in defense, of "the Word of God" and grow to maturity in Christ Jesus. Thank you, Lord Jesus, for your written testimony, the King James bible, and its preservation, Amen!