

Doubt: The Thief of God's Greater Blessing

I decided long ago:

If I was going to be a Christian, then be a Christian full throttle, give it all.

I want all that God has for me and to be all He has called me to be, I want it all!

I don't want to be one of those people who gave it half the effort

I don't want to just be in attendance, I want to excel.

Then I have to learn the rules to do well in this kingdom.

- This kingdom operates on faith and faith has an active enemy called doubt.
- I have been redeemed from doubt
- God calls me a believer; I am not called a doubter.

Galatians 3:13-14

13 Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree"), 14 that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith. NKJV

Deuteronomy 28:64-68

64 For the LORD will scatter you among all the nations from one end of the earth to the other. There you will worship foreign gods that neither you nor your ancestors have known, gods made of wood and stone! 65 There among those nations you will find no place of security and rest. And the LORD will cause your heart to tremble, your eyesight to fail, and your soul to despair. 66 Your lives will hang in doubt. You will live night and day in fear, with no reason to believe that you will see the morning light. 67 In the morning you will say, 'If only it were night!' And in the evening you will say, 'If only it were morning!' You will say this because of your terror at the awesome horrors you see around you. 68 Then the LORD will send you back to Egypt in ships, a journey I promised you would never

again make. There you will offer to sell yourselves to your enemies as slaves, but no one will want to buy you." NLT

- Doubt is the opposite of belief
- Faith is the step or action after believing
- Faith is acting on my beliefs
- Doubt attacks me at the believing level so I never get to the position; the action of faith
- We doubt either because we don't have information or knowledge
- We are ignorant of the truth

Or

- Because we know the truth but we have other knowledge that opposes the truth
- Faith or Doubt will always be the conflict between two different sets of information.
- Faith will lead to a supernatural outcome
- Doubt will lead to a natural process of events and a natural outcome.

As a believer in Jesus Christ I have already changed my eternal outcome by believing God's concerning my Spiritual Future.

I have a choice to live above the natural process of a fallen world by exercising faith in God's promises concerning my daily life.

I can apply faith in God's promises and change my natural destiny to a supernatural destiny.

Faith will always have to win the battle over doubt

Doubt is a thief that will continually attempt to steal God's greater blessing from my life.

Jesus asked the question, "Why did you doubt?"

Answer the question and you will be far ahead in your walk of faith and in stopping doubt from stealing the blessings God has in store for your future.

Hebrews 3:16-19

16 And who were those people who rebelled against God, even though they heard his voice? Weren't they the ones Moses led out of Egypt? 17 And who made God angry for forty years? Wasn't it the people who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness? 18 And to whom was God speaking when he vowed that they would never enter his place of rest? He was speaking to those who disobeyed him. 19 So we see that they were not allowed to enter his rest because of their unbelief. NLT

Hebrews 3:19

19 So we see that they were not able to enter [into His rest], because of their unwillingness to adhere to and trust in and rely on God [unbelief had shut them out]. AMP

· Ask yourself the question: Did they know God's promise concerning their immediate future?

· Was it God's will for them to have a life that is described as "wandering in the wilderness?"

· NO!

Unbelief or Doubt shut them out of God's Greater Blessing for their lives

He still gave them manna and still took care of them

They lived at a basic level of existence

They received their handout everyday

They didn't go hungry or naked

They just made it through

Matthew 14:22-33

22 Immediately after this, Jesus made his disciples get back into the boat and cross to the other side of the lake while he sent the people home. 23 Afterward he went up into the hills by himself to pray. Night fell while he was there alone. 24 Meanwhile, the disciples were in trouble far away from land, for a strong wind had risen, and they were fighting heavy waves.

25 About three o'clock in the morning Jesus came to them, walking on the water. 26 When the disciples saw him, they screamed in terror, thinking he was a ghost. 27 But Jesus spoke to them at once. "It's all right," he said. "I am here! Don't be afraid."

28 Then Peter called to him, "Lord, if it's really you, tell me to come to you by walking on water."

29 "All right, come," Jesus said.

So Peter went over the side of the boat and walked on the water toward Jesus. 30 But when he looked around at the high waves, he was terrified and began to sink. "Save me, Lord!" he shouted.

31 Instantly Jesus reached out his hand and grabbed him. "You don't have much faith," Jesus said. "Why did you doubt me?" 32 And when they climbed back into the boat, the wind stopped.

33 Then the disciples worshiped him. "You really are the Son of God!" they exclaimed. NLT

- Faith will take you to places you could never go with your natural equipment.
- Faith will make the impossible happen in your life
- Faith will change your future and cause you to achieve what is beyond your imagination.
- Faith will make you life seem unreal, because you will leave the dismal reality of natural behind you.
- But you will have to overcome the temptation to doubt that comes from what you see.

Matthew 21:20-22

20 The disciples were amazed when they saw this and asked, "How did the fig tree wither so quickly?"

21 Then Jesus told them, "I assure you, if you have faith and don't doubt, you can do things like this and much more. You can even say to this mountain, 'May God lift you up and throw you into the sea,' and it will happen. 22 If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer."

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Romans 4:16-23

16 And so the promise was based on faith, in order that the promise should be guaranteed as God's free gift to all of Abraham's descendants — not just to those who obey the Law, but also to those who believe as Abraham did. For Abraham is the spiritual father of us all; 17 as the scripture says, "I have made you father of many nations." So the promise is good in the sight of God, in whom Abraham believed — the God who brings the dead to life and whose command brings into being what did not exist. 18 Abraham believed and hoped, even when there was no reason for hoping, and so became "the father of many nations." Just as the scripture says, "Your descendants will be as many as the stars." 19 He was then almost one hundred years old; but his faith did not weaken when he thought of his body, which was already practically dead, or of the fact that Sarah could not have children. 20 His faith did not leave him, and he did not doubt God's promise; his faith filled him with power, and he gave praise to God. 21 He was absolutely sure that God would be able to do what he had promised. 22 That is why Abraham, through faith, "was accepted as righteous by God." TEV

- The Bible points out the Abraham had to choose what he would believe.
- Would he believe God's promise or would he believe the natural conditions?
- What would be the deciding factor?

John 11:11-16

11 Then he said, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but now I will go and wake him up."

12 The disciples said, "Lord, if he is sleeping, that means he is getting better!" 13 They thought Jesus meant Lazarus was having a good night's rest, but Jesus meant Lazarus had died.

14 Then he told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. 15 And for your sake, I am glad I wasn't there, because this will give you another opportunity to believe in me. Come, let's go see him."

16 Thomas, nicknamed the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let's go, too — and die with Jesus." KJV

John 14:1-7

"Don't be troubled. You trust God, now trust in me. 2 There are many rooms in my Father's home, and I am going to prepare a place for you. If this were not so, I would tell you plainly. 3 When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am. 4 And you know where I am going and how to get there."

5 "No, we don't know, Lord," Thomas said. "We haven't any idea where you are going, so how can we know the way?"

6 Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me. KJV

John 20:24-29

24 One of the disciples, Thomas (nicknamed the Twin), was not with the others when Jesus came. 25 They told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he replied, "I won't believe it unless I see the nail wounds in his hands, put my fingers into them, and place my hand into the wound in his side."

26 Eight days later the disciples were together again, and this time Thomas was with them. The doors were locked; but suddenly, as before, Jesus was standing among them. He said, "Peace be with you." 27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Put your hand into the wound in my side. Don't be faithless any longer. Believe!"

28 "My Lord and my God!" Thomas exclaimed.

29 Then Jesus told him, "You believe because you have seen me. Blessed are those who haven't seen me and believe anyway." KJV

When you became a Christian:

You were born again into God's family

You were placed in that group who have been redeemed

You were given certain rights and privileges that supernaturally belong to you

You were redeemed from the Curse of the Law

One of the things you were redeemed from is:

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James 1:6-7

6 But when you pray, you must believe and not doubt at all. Whoever doubts is like a wave in the sea that is driven and blown about by the wind. 7 A person like that, unable to make up his mind and undecided in all he does, must not think that he will receive anything from the Lord.

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I Have Been Redeemed From Doubt

I Have The Supernatural Power of The Holy Spirit to Free Me From Doubt

I Choose to Believe God's Promises Are True For Me

I Will Receive God's Greater Blessings For My Life