

A Different Take On “Have faith in God”

The standard quote from church leaders is, “Have faith in God”, when it comes to seeing answers to prayer or for receiving a miracle. That, unfortunately, has become the bane of most believers because they don’t have enough faith in God for him to do something. It becomes such a ‘millstone around their necks’ that many give up in frustration.

The interesting thing is that “Have faith in God” is quoted from scripture, when it’s not really the mindset that Kingdom citizens are required to have. The reason for the disparity with reality is the poor translation of what Jesus said.

Here’s what François Du Toit wrote about it:

“In Mark 11:22, Jesus says, “Have the faith of God.” Unfortunately, most translations say, “Have faith in God.” There is a massive difference between our beliefs and philosophies about God and God’s persuasion about us. God’s belief in you gives substance to your faith. Jesus is what God believes about you. Your belief in God does not define him; his faith in what he knows to be true about you defines you.

If our point of reference is not God’s faith in the finished work of Christ we have no valid gospel to preach. If our faith is not sourced and sustained in him as the mirror image of God revealed and redeemed in us we are deceiving ourselves with yet another religious disguise called Christianity.

Do not be distracted though by extended meanings you will find in dictionaries.¹ ²

Relying on Jesus’ faith is what we need to learn how to do. We don’t need to try to ‘gee-up’ our own faith so we can reach Father’s standard. That’s because the right way is always Father’s way, not the religious way.

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(Readers will need to look up for themselves any scriptures alluded to in this document)

1 – Many Bible dictionaries add means to Greek and Hebrew words that come from Christian use in the past, rather than their meaning at the time the scripture passages were written. This gives a false religious slant on meanings rather than helping us understand what the original writer was wanting to convey.

2 – François Du Toit (2012) In 'The Mirror Bible' Resources “Why Another Translation” (Mirror Bible app.mirrorword.net)