

## THE SPIRIT OF FAITH

### The Single Eye

- I. **The Spirit of faith has faith in God, it relies on God, it looks to God and to nothing else-2 Corinthians 4:14**
  - A. Knowing that HE --- This reveals who they are looking to and who their source is and that they are only looking one place
    1. The spirit of faith operates by the eye that is single, meaning that it looks solely to God and it depends completely upon God
    2. **There's a lot of people who say God is their source, but live like He's not; They look to other things to provide what they need; Not everybody who is saved has made God their source and some are looking to other things to provide for them what they need and they are not looking one place and they don't have the single eye**
  - B. \*The Spirit of faith always makes God its source and looks to Him and because of that, there's no pit too deep, no circumstance too dark, no opposition too great for the spirit of faith to overcome (Why? Because God's my source)
- II. **Galatians 3:1-11-The foundation principle to the message of faith was to rely on God, have confidence in God and don't rely on anything else**
  - A. They slipped back into relying on themselves and their own effort rather than living by faith; their eye went from single to wandering
    1. 2-How did you receive? Through your own efforts or through faith in God
    2. 3-They got born again and made new by faith, but now they are depending on the flesh for perfection
    3. 5-The stuff that God is doing in their lives he's doing it through their faith/dependence on him
    4. 6-Abraham believed and relied on God and that's all he did
    5. **It was hearing about faith, it was the instruction about believing and relying on God that enabled them to receive; It was when faith was preached and people got instructed about faith that people received from God; when people relied solely on God, He was able to do mighty things in their lives, but this wandering eye that's looking multiple places is a problem**
  - B. 9,10-Relying on God, looking to him gets you blessed, relying on other things (including yourself) gets you cursed-Jeremiah 17:5
    1. 11-We live by faith and a big part of that is that we rely on God for everything, we look to him and depend on him for everything
    2. **People with the spirit of faith live by faith and that means they go to God first and God only for everything**

- C. 12-In the law you live by you (what you do), relying on you, but now we live by faith relying on Him
  - 1. Trying to make it happen with your own effort, relying on your own effort, activates the curse
    - a. You can be doing faith principles that are scriptural and do them with legalistic heart relying on your own ability and to do so would activate the curse in your life
    - b. Faith principles acted upon and released from a legalistic heart become the law and will not produce
    - c. A key issue or checkpoint is do you have any rest
  - 2. **Where we've missed it is that we learn the principles and do, do, do to get the outside right and then we say we are in faith so something should happen, but faith at it's core is faith in God, it's confidence in God, it's reliance upon God, it's not principles and precepts (even though there are principles of faith, the principles are not faith), it's belief, it's confidence, it's trust, it's reliance on God; it's relying on what he did, not what you do-Matthew 23:25**
    - a. When you are believing that's going to be expressed through your attitude and your words and your actions; Our problem has been we've try to get the right attitude, say the right words, do the right things with no genuine believing in the heart and if we would just develop genuine faith all those other things would be right
  - 3. EX: You can wrap a Twinkie in lettuce and call it health food, but it's not

**III. Galatians 5:2-6-Jesus became of no effect to them because they were relying on something else and looking to something else; Looking to someone/something else to meet your needs will make Jesus of no effect in your life**

- A. 1-The yoke of bondage you're don't to be entangled in again is you relying on you and what you do
  - 1. The freedom is the this life of faith where you rely on him; it's bondage having to rely on yourself, it's freedom relying on Him
- B. 2-They are relying on circumcision and the law to be righteous and as they do that Jesus profits them nothing
  - 1. **Whatever you don't rely solely on Jesus to do, he can't do for you; If you are relying on something else to save you, then Jesus can't save you and that goes for healing, prosperity, victory and anything else**
  - 2. What they are looking to the law to do for them, Jesus cannot do for them
    - a. AMP-If you distrust him (looking to other things), you CAN gain NOTHING from him
    - b. The way you gain from Jesus is you look only to him
- C. \*4-Jesus became of no effect to them!!! – Why? They looked to, trusted in, relied on something else; Rather than relying on Jesus they relied on self-effort and the law
  - 1. **Faith in something else will make Jesus ineffective for you; If you put your trust in something other than Jesus, Jesus will profit you nothing**

- a. So who are you trusting? If you trust someone/something else to heal you, provide for you, protect you, then Jesus can't
  2. **Fallen from grace**-Because they had fallen from faith; Lack of reliance on God will cause you to miss out on the grace of God
    - a. **By mentioning abundant grace he is revealing to us that these great victories came by faith- 2 Corinthians 4:15**
    - b. He didn't earn it, he didn't produce it, he looked to God, relied upon God (in faith) and God did it by grace
  3. **The way to receive the most from God and for him to have the most effect in your life is to look only to Him for everything (looking other places makes Him ineffective)**
    - a. **In your heart when God becomes your only source, the only one to whom you look, the fullness of his provision will be seen in your life**
    - b. **Because people don't have the spirit of faith their eye is not single and God's provision has been scarce**
  4. 2 Corinthians 4:14-The "HE" in this verse is so vital to their deliverance because it reveals their looking one place on only have one source and it's enabling God to be effective for them
    - a. Isaiah 30:18-God couldn't be effective for them and was having to wait on them to be gracious to them because their wandering eye
    - b. Jeremiah 42-God told them he would take care of them, but couldn't because they were looking to Egypt to do it
- D. 6-In Jesus the only thing that matters is faith, the only thing talks is faith (i.e. money talks)
1. **If you don't have faith you don't have anything – In Jesus faith is the only thing that avails anything and faith looks only to God**
    - a. **Without faith you can't get what God wants you to have and therefore He becomes of no effect in your life**
  2. Galatians 3:21-Faith is the only thing that can get you to what God wants to give you and what God wants you to have
    - a. They were looking for something to do to get what God wanted them to have and the only thing they needed to do was believe
    - b. **We're always looking for something to do and while you look for something to do so that you can rely on you, you are not doing the one thing you need to do and that's to not rely on you, but rather rely on Him**
    - c. What would you tell a person to do that wants salvation? You would tell them to believe and look only to God; then what should you do concerning your deliverance from debt?

- E. Many Christians don't have much faith in God in that they don't rely on him for that much; Whenever a need arises they usually look to other things before they look to God and to His word
  - 1. Most rely on him for their salvation because they know that can't get that without him, but beyond that they pretty much rely on other things for whatever else they need in life
  - 2. **The just are supposed to live by faith and a big part of living by faith is to depend on God for everything**
  - 3. **The enemy wants to get you to a place where you don't depend on God for anything because this less you look to God, the less you rely on God, the less effective he will be in your life**

**IV. The spirit of faith functions through the eye that is single and the single eye only looks one place (Ex: One-stop-shop)**

- A. The enemy is after your eyes and he wants to you to get your eyes on something else because wherever you're looking to is where your faith is; where your eyes are your faith is and if he can get your faith in something else, then Jesus becomes of no effect to you
  - 1. By getting your eyes somewhere else and your faith in something else he can (in your life) make it like Jesus never went to the cross for you, never died for you, never rose again for you and never provided everything you would ever need; that's how big of an issue this is
  - 2. **The wandering eye is a manifestation of the spirit of unbelief; Unbelief looks somewhere else regarding the need because it doesn't trust God to take care of it; The spirit of faith believes that God can and will take care of any need I have both big and small so why go anywhere else**
- B. Matthew 6:22-33-In every circumstance of need the spirit of faith through the single eye looks to God first and looks to God only
  - 1. Hebrews 12:2-You're supposed to be running your race **looking** to Jesus; *To turn your eyes away from other things and fix them on something*
    - a. **He's the author and finisher of your faith because your faith is supposed to begin and end with him (and not include anything else)**
  - 2. Matthew 6:22-**Single-Sound**, Good fulfilling it's office
    - a. **The office of your eye is to look to Jesus and if it's not looking to Jesus it's not fulfilling it's office**
    - b. If your eye is single you'll get the light you need to see your need met
      - 1) Confusion comes from looking too many places-Numbers 13,14-Did they forget everything God had done?
  - 3. 24-32-If you're trying to take care of yourself, then your eyes aren't on him to take care of you
  - 4. 33-In a time of need this is what you do-Seek God first and ask him what do you have to say about this and what do you want me to do
    - a. 30,33-Trying to take care of it yourself is little faith, doing this would be the spirit of faith

- C. The spirit of faith and the single eye-Psalm 23:1, Daniel 3, 2 Chronicles 20:12, Matthew 14, John 11
  - 1. The spirit of faith says God is my source, He is my supply and the way he lives his life is evidence that's true
- D. The tendency of the flesh is to want to look elsewhere
  - 1. Your flesh doesn't like faith; faith is uncomfortable for your flesh because your flesh likes to see and feel
    - a. Not trusting God is comfortable for your flesh and that's they the Children Of Israel wanted to go to Egypt it required no faith
  - 2. Consequently your flesh will find a place for your where you don't have to use your faith
    - a. God is going to send you to a place/give you an assignment/give you a dream so big/great that when you get in it you are forced to trust him because your faith will enable him to be effective for you
    - b. God wants you to get to the end of yourself – He wants you to come to the place where all you got his him and you have to trust him fully because that is the place he can be most effective in your life
    - c. The more you rely on him the more effective you will see him be in your life
  - 3. 2 Corinthians 1:8-9-They came to a place where they couldn't trust themselves because themselves wasn't enough and they were forced to trust God
    - a. God doesn't want to share your faith with anybody or anything else
    - b. **The place where you have to use your faith is the safest place you can be because that is the place that Jesus can be the most effective in your life**
    - c. We have to guard against the desire to go to a place where faith isn't required, where we don't have to trust God