

MARANATHA BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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"Present every man perfect in Christ Jesus" (Colossians 1:28)

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Sunday School: 10 am

Sunday English / Chinese Worship Service: 10.45 am Sunday Chinese Worship Service: 7.30 pm

Wednesday Prayer Meeting: 8.00 pm

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Have Faith in God

Mark 11:22

Introduction

Today, many people claim they have faith. The faith they have is faith in their own abilities, intellect, talents, wealth or powerful connection to the who's who of the society. This faith may also be on others who are much better or cleverer or resourceful than themselves. Some even have faith in their own faith, somewhat like having a positive mindset towards everything, good or bad.

Is the modern man's faith as described in the preceding paragraph good enough? Should Christian employ such faith as well? Or is there a faith that is exceedingly far better than faith in man, faith in things or faith in man-made god?

Let hear what the Son of the God, Jesus Christ, says in the Gospel of Mark chapter 11:20-24. The apostle Peter, surprised at the withered fig tree exclaimed, "Master, behold, the fig tree which thou cursedst is withered away." Our Lord Jesus Christ responded by saying, "Have faith in God."

Unlike the people of today, we the children of God, children of light, must never put our faith in man or thing or self. We must be like the psalmist in Psalm 118:9, "It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in princes." Psalm 146:3 tell us, "Put not your trust in princes, nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help."

We are to have faith in God.

What is to "have faith in God?"

I believe Romans 4:16 -21 explains to us clearly what is to "have faith in God."

Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all, (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth

those things which be not as though they were. Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be. And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sara's womb: He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform. (Rom 4:16-21)

Here, Abraham believes God's spoken promise to him that he would become the father of many nations, despite his advanced age and the deadness of Sarah's womb. Abraham neither doubted nor staggered at the promise of God. Abraham was fully persuaded that whatever God promised to him, God would bring to pass and God would surely perform what He said to him.

To have faith in God is to take God at His word, fully convinced that God is able to fulfil His promise. In God, there is no maybe. In God, all things are possible to him that believes.

What can this "faith in God" do?

When we have faith in God, this faith in God can accomplish much wonderfully, even miraculously. This faith in God can unleash the great and awesome power of God in our lives or in our service unto God. No life trials or difficulties or challenges can bring us down. No gates of hell can prevail over the church.

Why is it so?

Our Lord Jesus Christ promises us that if we have faith in God, we can say to a mountain be cast into the sea, and it shall be cast into the sea. Mountain, in the scripture, depicts, something great and immovable (Zec 4:7).

For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them. (Mar 11:23-24)

Faith in God can move a mountain. When we have faith in God, the immovable becomes movable. This faith will enable us to be victorious in our Christian walk. This faith is an overcoming faith. It is an all-conquering faith. Great is our God! Hallelujah!

Conclusion

Beloved, do not have faith in faith. Neither have faith in created things. All such faiths are anchored on the perishable and the temporal. Our faith must be placed in God, who is the Creator of all things in heaven and on earth. Our God is from everlasting to everlasting. He is eternal.

Blessed are they who have faith in God. Amen.

By His Grace and Mercy,
Elder Daniel Tau

Theme for the Quarter :

**LIVING THE CHRISTIAN LIFE IN THE WORLD
(The Study of the Epistle of James)**

English Worship Service :

Elder Clement Tan

speaks on

Intimacy with God

(Scripture Text : Psalm 73:28; Responsive Reading : Psalm 73)

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