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DOUBT – THE THIEF OF GOD’S GREATER BLESSINGS

The greatest enemy to faith is doubt. In the following scriptures we will see that doubt will always hinder the believer from receiving God’s best. Jesus had much to say about doubt and unbelief and its ravages of one's faith. Let’s look at some verses.

MATTHEW 13:58

“58 And he [Jesus] did not many mighty works there BECAUSE OF THEIR UNBELIEF.”

MATTHEW 14:22-31

“22 And straightway Jesus constrained his disciples to get into a ship, and to go before him unto the other aide, while he sent the multitudes away. 28 And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, he was there alone. 24 But the ship was now in the midst of the sea, tossed with waves: for the wind was contrary. 26 And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them walking on the sea. 26 And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, ‘It is a spirit;’ and they cried out for fear. 27 But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, ‘Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid.’ 28 And Peter answered him and said, ‘Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water.’ 29 And he said, ‘Come.’ And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus. 30 But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, ‘Lord. save me.’ 31 And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, ‘WHEREFORE DIDST THOU DOUBT?’”

MATTHEW 17:14-20

14 And when they were come to the multitude, there came to him a certain man, kneeling down to him, and saying, 15 Lord, have mercy on my son: for he is lunatick, and sore vexed: for oftentimes he falleth into the fire, and oft into the water. 16 And I brought him to thy disciples, and they could not cure him.

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17 Then Jesus answered and said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I suffer you? Bring him hither to me. 18 and Jesus rebuked the devil; and he departed out of him, and the child was cured from that very hour. 19 Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, 'Why could we not cast him out?' 20 And Jesus said unto them, 'BECAUSE OF YOUR UNBELIEF: for verily I say unto you, if ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible to you.'"

Mark 4:35-40

"35 And the same day, when the even was come, he saith unto them 'Let us pass over unto the other side.' 36 And when they had sent away the multitude, they took him even as he was in the ship. And there were also with him other little ships. 37 And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full. 38 And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awake him, and say unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish? 39 And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. 40 And he said unto them, 'Why are ye so fearful? HOW IS IT THAT YE HAVE NO FAITH?'"

MARK 11:23,24

"23 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. 24 Therefore I say unto you, 'What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.'"

Let's notice the expression in Mark 11 :23, *"... and shall not doubt in his heart ..."*

In these scriptural references we have read, you'll find in each instance, doubt caused people to receive something less than the best God had for them. And in each case, the Lord rebuked them for their doubt and unbelief.

God's Best: Receiving by Our Own Faith

The Lord intervened by His divine sovereignty, as in the case of Peter when he cried to the Lord to save him as he began to sink (Matt. 14:30). And Jesus moved sovereignly in Mark chapter 4 when His disciples awakened Him in the ship and said, "... **Master, carest thou not that we perish?**" (Mark 4:38). Jesus said, "... **Peace, be still ...**" (Mark 4:39). And the Bible says the wind ceased,

But, my friends, God's highest and His best was for His disciples to receive by their *own* faith. *That* was His best.

In this story in Matthew chapter 14, Jesus sent the disciples across the sea in a ship, while He went up to a mountain to pray. The Bible says that in the fourth watch of the night, "... **Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea**" (Matt. 14:25). When the disciples saw Jesus walking on the water, they were afraid. They cried out for fear and said that it was a spirit, or in other words, a ghost.

Peter said, "... **Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water**" (Matt. 14:28). Jesus said, "**Come,**" and Peter began to walk on the water to go to Jesus (v.29).

Don't Look at the Circumstances

Someone said it is okay to doubt once in a while because, after all, Peter himself began to doubt and then began to sink. We know that. But you cannot use Peter as an excuse because God is enlightening you to show why Peter began to sink, and that is so you won't have to! Peter began to sink because "...**when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid...**" (Matthew 14:30)

In other words, Peter got his eyes on the circumstances. He began to see the things that were going on around him. He quit looking at Jesus. He quit acting on what Jesus said.

Faith is acting upon the Word of God. When Peter quit acting in faith on what God had said, he began to sink. And that was doubt because Jesus said to him, "... **O thou of LITTLE FAITH, wherefore didst thou DOUBT?**" (Matthew 14:31.)

Peter did have some faith, but it only carried him for a little while. The miracle began, but it was not consummated. Many times, miracles have begun but they have not been consummated because the person began to look at circumstances or symptoms.

Jesus called that *"little faith."* He got his eyes off Jesus and off the Word of God. Then he began to sink, and he didn't receive his miracle from Jesus.

Notice Jesus said to Peter, *"... O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt"* (Matt. 14:31).

Doubt robbed him of the best that God had for him.

Don't Criticize Others Until You Have Walked on the Water Yourself

Jesus didn't intend for Peter to sink. Jesus meant for him to be able to walk back to the ship with Him. But don't criticize Peter until you've successfully walked on the water without sinking! Then we will accept your criticism. Besides, when you criticize others, it hinders your own faith.

A man that pastored a church had to raise some money in order to pay the church insurance which came due every three years. Since they only had to pay it every three years, it was a large sum to raise in one service.

On a Sunday night he explained to the congregation that they needed to raise money for the church insurance. Within about ten minutes all the money they needed was given or pledged.

The next day he and his wife were at a café in the town they pastored in. It was owned by a man that was not saved but his wife was. She was not a member of the Pastor's church, and neither was the owner of the café. They visited some on Sunday nights. The owner always wanted this pastor to eat at his café free of charge, and they usually did that on Monday about noon time.

A lady that went to this Pastor's church was a waitress at this café and she waited on the pastor and his wife. They were alone in the café, and she told the pastor that she didn't like the way he took up the offering the night before. She really vented her feelings about it. The pastor didn't say a word. He just let her talk. All the time she waited on them she continued to fuss about that offering.

Finally, after the pastor prayed over the food, he asked the waitress if she was through talking. He told her that they had some other things that the church needed to pay that week and on Sunday he was going to raise money again to pay for a lumber bill. He told her that she could take up the offering and that if she didn't get enough money, she could pay the bill out of her own pocket. She told him that she wouldn't be there then. She would just stay home.

He told her that if she didn't come to church that Sunday night that he would announce to the congregation why she didn't come. And if she didn't come, the next time she did come to church he would make her stand up and that he would announce to the congregation why she didn't come. She asked the pastor if he really meant what he said, and he told her he did.

The waitress then said that if the pastor would not make her do that, she would never criticize him again as long as she lived. He said he had made up his mind and would not change his mind unless the Lord changed his mind.

She came to church on Wednesday night and asked the pastor if she would still have to take up the offering on Sunday night and he told her yes. He told her that she should never criticize anyone until she can beat what they could do. She repented and said she could not take an offering better than he had. On Sunday morning she was in church to teach her Sunday School Class and she told the pastor she asked the Lord to change his mind.

When it was time for the evening service, she was there. The pastor hadn't really changed his mind, so he explained to the congregation about the offering and why they needed it. Just as he started to say that sister so-and-so was going to receive the offering, she leapt to her feet and said that she would give the first portion of it. Immediately people all over the building were pledging and before the pastor knew it, they already had the needed amount.

The next day the pastor and his wife were in the café and this woman said that she would never criticize him again. She said that she would keep her mouth shut and she did not care how he took up his offerings.

So, don't criticize old Peter until you have walked on the water yourself! Don't use Peter's failure to believe and as an excuse for you to be able to doubt God. When Peter saw the wind boisterous, the bible says he was afraid. Looking at the circumstances caused Peter to begin to sink.

Doubt and Fear Rob People of God's Blessings

Doubt and fear go hand in hand. But faith and love go hand in hand. The Bible says *"... perfect love casteth out fear ..."* (1 John 4:18.) Faith gets the job done.

MATTHEW 13:58

"58 And he [Jesus] did not many mighty works there because of their UNBELIEF."

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Mark puts it another way.

MARK 6:5

"5 And HE COULD THERE DO NO MIGHTY WORK, save that he laid his hands upon a few sick folk, and healed them."

In Jesus' hometown only a few folks were healed under His ministry. The Amplified Bible brings out the fact that there were "a few sickly people" healed. A Bible dictionary says the Greek says that there were a few folks with minor ailments who were healed.

What happened in Nazareth? Doubt robbed the people there of God's best. **Mark 6:6** says, ***"And he [Jesus] marveled because of their unbelief. ... "***

If words mean anything at all, then these scriptures are saying that doubt robbed that whole city of Nazareth of the blessings that God intended for them to have. When Jesus left that city, there were people who were still sick who should have been healed. They ought to have been healed but doubt and unbelief robbed them of God's blessings.

If you doubt, it can rob you, but the unbelief of an entire congregation can keep God from working. Doubt, the thief of God's greater blessings, will do this.

Doubt and Unbelief Will Hinder Ministry to the Sick

Years ago, a preacher was holding a meeting in a church in Texas. This church was the hardest place in his ministry to get people healed he had ever been to. He was so concerned that just a few were being healed until he went to the Lord in prayer and fasting about it.

The second day of his fasting and prayer, he stayed in the church to pray. He prayed much of the day. As he was praying, he began to see something from the Word. It is surprising how one can read over scriptures and really not even know they are there. **Mark 6:5** had never really stood out to him until then.

The Lord spoke to his heart as he was kneeling at the altar and He said to him, "Don't feel too badly about it, because I only managed to get a few people healed in my own hometown." Then the Lord quoted the scripture that the servant is not above his master (**Matt. 10:24**). This shocked the preacher, and he told the Lord that it just couldn't be true.

Then Jesus told him to turn to **Mark 6:5** and the preacher read it. The Lord told him that he wasn't going to be able to do more than He had been able to do. He asked the Lord why only a few were healed in His own hometown. He said to read the next verse, which says, ***"He marveled because of their unbelief ..."*** (**Mark 6:6**).

So, he asked the Lord what he was going to do about ministering to the sick in that atmosphere of doubt and unbelief. He said in the service that night when he got ready to pray for the sick, that he shouldn't minister to the sick out in the main auditorium. He told him to take all the sick back into some other room for ministry. He said he shouldn't even allow the pastor and his wife to come back there unless they were to be prayed for. He told the Lord that he didn't want to do it this way because if he did, the pastor and his wife might not understand why he was doing it that way.

Then the Lord reminded him about the Scripture in **Mark chapter 8** which tells how Jesus took the blind man out of the city to pray for him. And Jesus also reminded him of **Mark chapter 7**.

MARK 7:32,33

"32 And they bring unto him one that was deaf and had an impediment in his speech; and they beseech him to put his hand upon him. 33 And he TOOK HIM ASIDE from the multitude, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spit, and touched his tongue."

The Lord told him that He took the man aside because there was so much unbelief in the town. He often took the sick aside so He could get them healed. He said if the people fussed at him for doing this, he should show them the scripture where Jesus did the same thing in His earthly ministry. The preacher did what Jesus told him to do, and from the time he began praying for the sick in this way, more of them got healed.

There was a little girl in one of his services who was about eight or nine years old. Her knees were as big as her head and she was helpless, and she had to be carried everywhere. She had rheumatic fever, and her joints were swollen. Her heart was in a very serious condition too. She had been to some of the best hospitals in the nation, and doctors had said she probably would not live very long. They had said that she would never walk.

The preacher had ministered to her before, and nothing had happened because of the unbelief in the congregation. The Lord knew where the unbelief was coming from, and He had the preacher take the child aside and minister to her.

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(It's hard to pray for the sick and do what the Lord says when the pastor sitting on the platform with you is breathing the hot breath of unbelief down your collar!)

Anyway, the preacher ministered to this child that night. He told the child's parents that he had cast out the spirit that had oppressed their daughter. He told them that she would begin to get better and in a little while she would be walking. Before the meetings he held were over, her parents brought her to one of the services and she was walking!

The next year the preacher was holding a meeting in a town close by, and these folks came over to visit. The mother had the child with her, and the pastor where the preacher had held the meeting the previous year came also. He talked to the preacher and wanted him to come back to minister in his church. He acknowledged that the little child really had been healed. The mother had taken the child back to the hospital and she had been checked by doctors. They said they had really seen a miracle. Her heart was perfect, and she was walking.

The mother said that as a result of her child being healed, both the father and she had been born again. She told the preacher that before they had been Roman Catholic. They had gone to another Protestant church because they thought all Protestant churches believed in divine healing.

They wanted to tell their testimony in this Protestant church they visited about their daughter being healed, but when they tried to tell it the people they were almost thrown out. So, they returned to the Full Gospel church where he had preached at and had been going there ever since.

Doubt robbed the people of Nazareth of the greater blessings that God wanted them to have. And doubt can rob you, too, if you let it.

Not a Lack of Power - A Lack of Faith

MATTHEW 17:14-20

"14 and when they were come to the multitude, there came to him a certain man, kneeling down to him, and saying, 15 Lord, have mercy on my son: for he is lunatic, and sore vexed: for oftentimes he falleth into the fire, and oft into the water. 16 And I brought him to thy disciples, and they could not cure him. 17 Then, Jesus answered and said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I suffer you? Bring him hither to me.

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18 And Jesus rebuked the devil; and he departed out of him: and the child was cured from that very hour. 19 Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, why could not we cast him out? 20 And Jesus said unto them, BECAUSE OF YOUR UNBELIEF..."

Matthew 10:1 says,

"And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease."

If we say that the disciples didn't have *the power* to cast out that devil in Matthew 17, then we are making Jesus out to be a liar because the Bible says He gave them the power **"... against unclean spirits, to cast them out ..."** (Matt. 10:1).

When the disciples asked Jesus why they couldn't cast out the devil, Jesus didn't say it was because they didn't have *the power* to do it. He said it was because of their unbelief.

For years I've heard many Full Gospel people say that they needed more power so they could cast out devils and do the works of Jesus. But a lack of power is not what the trouble is at all. People who say that, miss the point because if you have the Holy Ghost, then you have the power. People think that if they had more power, the Word would automatically work, but the word works by faith.

What's hindering people is a lack of faith - not a lack of power. Doubt is robbing them of the blessings of God. Jesus didn't say you couldn't cast out the devil because you don't have the power. He said if you can't cast out the devil, it is because of your unbelief.

It doesn't matter what you receive from God's Word, God's Word still only operates by faith. Salvation is the greatest gift you can receive from God. Being born again is the greatest blessing a person can receive. But you still have to receive salvation by faith. And after you're born again, to enjoy the blessings and the benefits of salvation, you must still have faith. The benefits of your inheritance in Christ just don't fall upon you like ripe cherries off a tree. 2 Corinthians 5:7 says, **"For we walk by faith, and not by sight."**

The baptism of the Holy Ghost is a mighty gift that God has for His children. But just because you are filled with the Holy Ghost, doesn't necessarily mean you are a successful Christian. All around us there are Spirit-filled Christians who are not successful Christians, and yet, their Spirit-filled experience is real.

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The power they have received in the baptism in the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues is still utilized through faith. And if there is a lack of faith in appropriating the promises of God, then they are simply ignoring the powerhouse that is in them. You don't need any more power. You need to learn how to put the power you already have to work for you.

Some people are so taken up with the natural realm; they are always trying to find a reason why something happened. They think the trouble is in the natural. But actually, the trouble is in the spirit realm.

Healing is a mighty gift that God has provided for us. Someone has said that it is not the will of God to heal everyone. But I would rather cuss than talk like that. To say something like that would be insulting my Lord Jesus. **Matthew 8:17** says, "*... Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses.*" But healing is received through faith, and it also takes faith to maintain healing.

P.C. Nelson the founder of Southwestern Bible Institute, said that more people lose their healing over a counterattack than any other one reason. He was actually saying that the devil is going to come back against you with symptoms to make you think you didn't get your healing in the first place.

But if you'll stand your ground in faith on the Word of God and say that you are healed, then the devil will flee from you. The Bible says that we should resist the devil and then he will flee from us (**James 4:7**). Whatever you receive from God, you receive by faith, and you hold on to it by faith.

Stephen: A Man Full of the Holy Ghost, Faith, and Power

Acts 6:1-5

"1 And in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministration. 2 Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, 'It is not reason that we should leave the word of God and serve tables. 3 Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business. 4 But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the Word.'"

5 And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch."

Let's look at Stephen for a moment. In this passage, we see that seven men were chosen, and all of them were full of the Holy Ghost. Stephen was not only full of the Holy Ghost, but he was also full of *faith and power* (Acts 6:8). You see, you can be full of the Holy Ghost and not do a thing in the world for God if you don't have faith. We have plenty of people like this.

Acts 6:8 says, ***"And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people."*** The Bible doesn't say that the rest of the men that were chosen had faith or not. In Acts chapter 8, we do read where Philip did great works also, but the other five men of the seven, we never hear about again. They were all full of the Holy Ghost, but evidently, they didn't have the faith to put the power to work.

Utilize the Power of God Within You

Doubt is robbing many Spirit-filled believers of the best that God has for them. These believers have the power, but they are not using it; they are not putting the Powerhouse - the Holy Spirit on the inside - to work for them.

Several years ago, there was an article in *The Pentecostal Evangel* about a fellow down in Africa who was a convert of some American missionaries; he was a native evangelist of Africa. He had had been reading about what God had been doing here in America, and he had read about the works that some evangelists were doing for God. He said he was going to fast and pray until God gave him that power also, so he decided to go on a twenty-one day fast so he could get the power of God.

About the tenth day of the fast, the Lord spoke to him and told him to get up and stop fasting because the power was already in him and all he had to do was start using it. So, that is exactly what he did.

He began to utilize the power he already had and before he knew it, they were calling him the Billy Graham of Africa. His meetings drew crowds up to 80,000 people in attendance. He was going to fast until he got the power, but the Lord told him that he already had the power - the Person of the Holy Spirit dwelling in him.

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Doubt robbed Jesus' disciples in **Matthew 17**. They failed to cast the demon out of the man. The Lord told them they failed because of their unbelief (**Matt. 17:20**).

Trying the Word Is Doubting the Word

Years ago, the Lord appeared unto preacher in a vision at night. In that vision, Jesus laid the finger of His right hand upon the palms of the preacher's hands. When He did this, his hands began to burn as if he had a coal of fire in them.

Jesus told him that He had called him and anointed him to have a special ministry to the sick. He had been praying for the sick for years. Jesus told him that when he was praying for a sick person, he should lay one hand upon one side of his body and the other hand upon the other side of the body. Jesus said that if the fire within his hands jumped from hand to hand, that would mean there was an evil spirit within the body of the person. If it did not jump from hand to hand, then it is a case of healing only.

The Bible differentiates between the casting out of devils and healing of the sick. Jesus told him in this vision to lay hands upon the sick and pray for them. He said that if the fire does jump from hand to hand, then he should cast the devil out in Jesus' Name. Jesus said that in His name the devil or the demons would leave the person's body.

At the preacher's next meeting, which was in Oklahoma, a fellow came over to the service from Arkansas. One night in the meeting, this fellow said that he had tuberculosis of the spine. Several different doctors had examined him. His spine was rigid, and his back was as stiff as a board.

The preacher laid one hand on his chest and one hand on his back, and he could feel that fire jumping from hand to hand, so he knew then that an evil spirit was oppressing his body. He commanded the evil spirit to come out of him in the Name of Jesus. (The evil spirit was in his body, not in his spirit. You see, your *body* is not redeemed yet.

After he commanded the evil spirit to come out of the man's body, the preacher missed it and got into unbelief. The Word of God operates by faith. How did he miss it? He asked the man if he could stoop over, and he said he couldn't. He told him to *try* it again. But the Word won't work, by *trying*! It only works by faith.

The preacher got into unbelief by saying this, so the evil spirit still didn't come out of the man's body. The man couldn't stoop over. The preacher told him to try bending over a third time, and

it still didn't work; the man couldn't bend over. So, the preacher sent him back to his seat. As he was walking down the aisle to return to his seat, Jesus appeared to the preacher.

Jesus said to him, "I said in My Name demons will be cast out. Call them out in My Name." He spoke to Jesus and told Him that he knew He had said it but that the demon had not left the man's body. He told him the same thing again. The preacher once again said, "I know You said that Jesus, but the evil spirit did not leave."

Jesus said, "I told you in My Name evil spirits will be cast out. Call them out in My Name." So, the preacher said again, "Lord, I know you said that."

Then the preacher realized what Jesus was trying to get over to him. He called the man back up to the front and he told the man that he was free, and he told him to reach over and touch his toes. (This time the preacher didn't say "try." The man did what the preacher told him, and he was free.

Doubt had been robbing the preacher of his faith. It isn't enough to sit there and agree and say amen. You've got to be a *doer* of the Word in order to make your faith work (James 1:22).

Are you going to quit doubting and start acting? Are you ready to quit trying the Word and start doing the Word? Don't let doubt rob you of God's best for your life.