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Living in victory God's Word – refreshingly clear

To understand faith

God is a God of faith and he has united all in faith. The faith is so to speak the entrance to the spiritual world. Also under the old covenant there was speaking about faith (see Romans and Hebrew Chapter 11). The law was adding to the faith as a teacher or prison officer, until Jesus came. The law should have to demonstrate that we can create nothing out of our self and we need the grace of God, to which we have only entrance through faith and not through works.

Romans 5,2

By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

We have through faith the entrance to the grace of God; but often we want to receive the grace through our works, or through our results. But so it doesn't function. Faith and grace go hand in hand. You can't split the faith from grace or the grace from faith; so God has set it. The faith is the entrance to the grace of God. Jesus has paid all for you, but there is only one way to receive that gift of grace – through faith.

James 1, 5

If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

Although there is spoken about wisdom, but the principle is valid for all what we need. When we have a need of anything, so we have to ask for it; and but in the faith in it, that God has given us the request, as we asked him for it (Matthew 21,22 / Matthew 21,24). Perhaps you think now, how it is when something isn't the will of God. But when in the Bible is written that Jesus had paid for it, then it is also his will for you, for example: Salvation, healing and well-being in all.

You ask yourself, aren't this self-seeking? – No, it isn't. Then how would you effectively serve others when you have yourself much lack of needs? When you are well, if it's in the mental, physical or material area, then this will also be to God's glory (John 14,13). Others see in and on you the grace of the lord and you can serve them out of this fullness. In Genesis Chapter 12 verse 2 is said: *I will bless you, for that you are a blessing.* When God bless you, he doesn't do it for that you can turn self-seeking in your blessings, but that you can serve them out of this fullness. Often well-being was

understood the false way; but it's never the intention of God, to bless you, that you take all for yourself, but that you will be a blessing to others through that, and still you have enough for yourself, to still pass on out of this riches the love and grace of God.

Back to James: If someone has needs, so he asks God for it and he will give willingly, without reproach (Verse 5). God gives willingly, he is ready for it and he gives without reproach. He will not hold your made mistakes in the past up to you– this is the “job” of the devil. –God gives without reproach, without assignment of blame and he gives willingly. This is the side of God. By God are always two sides. And now how it looks like on our side?

Verse 6

But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.

We have to ask for in faith, without doubts. A prayer, on that you set your hopes, that God gives you that of what you asked him for, if it could be by chance his will, is of no avail. So you will get nothing, says us the word of God. Why? – Because you are to asked and fro asked between the question: will God give it to me or will he not give it to me? Many people ask themselves like this, because unfortunately they were taught like this. You wonder about, that you receive nothing and think this is so because the Lord will not given it.

But how fare away is this thought so of the truth of the word of God. Ask in faith and you will receive! When you don't know exactly his will in one special thing, go in his word and find out what he says. There is only one prayer with them we pray: “Your will will happen”, and this is the prayer of devotion to him: His will happens as far as to the good plan, which God for your life has, and he will lead you through the holy spirit. But also in the prayer of devotion has to be faith on it, that God will guide you and has a good plan for your life.

The whole world, which you see, was created out of the word of God
(*Genesis 1/John 1,1-3*)

And how do you create **your** world? – Also out of the word of God. “But, I'm still not God, that can't be”, perhaps you are thinking. In *Marc 11,22 ff.* Jesus speaks about, that we have to act in the way of faith, how God it does. And more Jesus explains, with the example of the fig tree, that godly faith **speaks** and then the things will come in the visible area. We could also, in other words with a picture of an arm and a hand, describe it as: The gifts of grace are all in the spiritual area by God, paid through the precious blood of Jesus. Now the faith (arm) goes into the invisible area, to get them and the speaking mouth (hand) reaches out after and brings them into the visible area. To the faith always follows an act. That means: if you believe, then speak out, what you believe. A quiet faith, only in the heart, who never speaks, what he believes, that doesn't exists. May be we could name it “toughly agreement”. You can agree with the bible, that it she is true, in the sense of a book of history, but this doesn't means, that you are in faith. If you believe in your heart, then you will also speak, what you believe, even when your mind doubt.

In the letter of James there is written about the works of faith. Many people mean, because of that, that the bible contradicts, because the bible speaks here about works,

but we were saved without works. But the Bible doesn't contradict itself, and then it doesn't mean that you get anything with your works from God. We, the people, are so fast with it, to bring results and works, because of that supposed to be worthy, to receive something from God. But let us read what James meant to this.

James 2,18

Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: show me thy faith without thy works, and I will show thee my faith by my works

James has spoken out the faith without work, which is dead or fruitless (see Verse 20). If you have faith, you will do something, and then the faith **always** produces works, but **never** in reverse order, (to this read James the whole chapter 2 and in Hebrew the whole chapter 11).

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