

“But without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.” Hebrews 11:6 KJV



God is just a “good luck charm” to many. Oh, they may not think so, but they are the same crowd who wear crosses, carry a lucky penny, cross their fingers, and avoid ladders. They pray without ever so much as a twinge of belief that God will actually do anything for them, but do it anyway, “just in case.” However, God’s Word says, *“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.” If you ask with doubt, you do not ask in faith! *“Whatsoever is not of faith is sin!”* If your prayers are sin, they can hurt you! Many pray, but few show any inkling of seeking or believing God! When trouble befalls, all of a sudden, the ungodly want to be God’s best friend! If you only pray when you need something, you are not a believer; you’re an opportunist. You simply use God! It is the diligent seeker that God rewards, not the “just in case” petitioner. I ask God to bless the food I eat, because He can restore it no matter how grossly man has perverted it with GMO’s, preservatives, and additives! I can’t know everything that’s wrong with my food, but I truly believe God can restore it, and I can depend on Him for every little thing from boredom to pain! *“Seek ye FIRST the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness (obey His Word), and ALL these THINGS shall be added unto you. Be careful (anxious) for nothing; but in EVERY thing by prayer and supplication WITH THANKSGIVING let your requests be made known unto God.”* You can thank God when you ask before you receive it if you *“ask in faith!”* Read and think on God’s Word more. *“Faith cometh by hearing...the Word of God. Faith is the VICTORY that overcometh!”* We don’t think of “hearing” ourselves when we think, but what else would it be? Words are sounds coming in and out of our brain. God speaks directly to our soul thoughts with Truth. The more of His Word we think, the more it is part of our thoughts, the more we HEAR God’s Voice, and the greater our faith. *“This Book of the Law (God’s Word) shall not depart out of thy mouth (words); but thou shalt meditate (think) therein DAY AND NIGHT.”* With God’s Word in thought, you will THINK AND DO what’s right!

Coming to God requires belief,
That with Him we’ll find true relief,
His Truth must fill our very soul,
If we would be completely whole! -CGP

We often pray to be relieved of trials meant to purify our faith. We should not fear the fire of affliction or persecution, but trust as the three Hebrew children actually thrown in Nebuchadnezzar’s fiery furnace:

“If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us out of thine hand, O king. But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.” Daniel 3:17-18 KJV