

“By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise.” Hebrews 11:9 KJV



“Abraham believed God and it was counted unto him for righteousness.” Believing God is the essence of faith. You can’t believe what you don’t know unless you accept someone’s word. Ever been to Antarctica? China? Mongolia? Some of you may have. I lived in the Amazon Jungle, but I’ve never been to Texas. The point is; we believe we know these places exist, because we read it in a book, or saw it on TV. Why is it we readily accept the word of men, but reject God’s Word, because it doesn’t fit with human intellect? When we place more value upon earthly wisdom than we do God’s Word, it’s the same as serving another god! *“Thou shalt have no other gods before me. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, NOR SERVE THEM.”* If you please self before God, you serve another god! Every soul knows there is a God! Men choose of their own free will to serve other gods; knowing there is a God but refusing to obey and serve Him; *“because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them; even His eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse.”* Believers also fall into this same trap of human reason; judging God’s power by the capabilities of men forgetting *“with God all things are possible! Nothing is too hard for God!”* Instead of trusting God by faith, we deceive ourselves; believing the lie that God is not capable nor willing to *“supply all our need!”* We know God’s promises, but still yield to Satan’s fiery whispers; that God is either too busy, does not know, or does not care! *“God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time: Casting all your care upon Him; for He careth for you. Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.”* Satan devours men with doubt!

The sin of doubt and unbelief,
Will never bring our souls relief,
For we will quake like falling leaves,
Unless we purpose to believe! ~CGP

Satan’s roars distract our focus, causing a storm of doubt. Christ did not still the tempest for Peter to walk on the water. He bid him *“Come!”* in spite of it. Like Peter, we start out by faith walking on the storm, but as soon as we consider the tempest, it devours us! We cannot hold to the promises of God through faith if we succumb to the tempests of trouble! Faith shows us God’s promises and we know them to be fact for *“by faith [we look] for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.”* You can be fearful of the height or you can trust the mountain upon which you stand!

“Hear my cry, O God; attend unto my prayer. From the end of the earth will I cry unto Thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the Rock that is higher than I. For Thou hast been a shelter for me, and a strong tower from the enemy. I will abide in Thy Tabernacle for ever: I will trust in the covert of Thy wings. Selah.” Psalms 61:1-4 KJV