

Writing The Vision

Hebrews 11:1 — *Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.*

- Faith is the SUBSTANCE of THINGS... what things? Things you hope for, things you desire. Another version says *Faith gives substance (or, brings substance to) things hoped for...* In other words, faith is taking hold of the unseen realm of hope, and bringing it into the realm of reality; it's giving materiality to your desire (hope).

Matthew 12:33-37 — ³³ *Either make the tree good, and his fruit good; or else make the tree corrupt, and his fruit corrupt: for the tree is known by his fruit.* ³⁴ *O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.* ³⁵ *A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things.* ³⁶ *But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.* ³⁷ *For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.*

- The word “*treasure*” can be translated as “*deposit*”. Like having a bank account, one makes deposits and withdraws from that account. What’s IN the account comes out when you withdraw from that account. If there is nothing in the account, then nothing can come out. Notice verse 35, both good and bad men make deposits and both “*bring forth*” from that deposit. The deposit here is withdrawn (brought forth) by the words of your mouth. Words are SEEDS. Both good and bad SEED come from whatever deposit is in abundance (v. 34), and that SEED is either going to justify you or condemn you (sentence you). Matthew 15:11, Jesus is explaining that it's not what's on the outside that defiles a person, but what comes out of that person’s mouth (words) that can lead to defilement. The Greek word used here for *defile* means to make unclean, to make profane or to pollute. In other words, it’s co-operating with the Law of Sin & Death (Romans 8:2) and reaping the “fruit” of that SEED. Opposite is true as well — co-operating with the Law of Life in Christ Jesus can “bring forth” a healthy, abundant fruitful life - a good harvest in one’s life. Galatians 6:7 (Philip Translation): “*A man’s harvest in life will depend entirely on what he sows.*”

Romans 8:24 & 25 — ²⁴ *For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?* ²⁵ *But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.*

Other endings: *ERV* - “... people don’t hope for something they already have.”

ThePassionT - “... for why would we need to hope for something we already have?”

Natural eyesight -vs- Spiritual eyesight

- If Hope is seen, why does one hope for it? Hope is in the unseen realm. I am married. I don't hope to be married - I have that already in my possession. I am married. Bible hope (or desire) is in the promised realm of unreality. Another translation for Hebrews 11:1 is “*Faith is the assurance, the confidence, the persuasion of having the things hoped for...*” It becomes the “you-know-that-you-know” type of knowledge. You may not YET have it, but you KNOW that the item desired is a sure thing—a done deal. Another part of having hope is to PATENTLY wait for the thing — and you can do this by being fully persuaded that the desire is yours! Patience does not mean “hang in there, baby” — it means to be consistently co-operating with the Laws of Faith, knowing that the promise is surely mine now and will be brought forth. An example of this is in Romans 4:16 -22. Abraham was about 99 years old at this time, and his wife, Sarah, was about 10 years younger. The promise from God was that they were gonna be parents of a multitude. In verse 18, Abraham believed in hope against hope, or it could be said, ‘against the seen, Abraham believed in the unseen’ (2 Corinthians 4:18). This is saying, that Abraham had faith that this would happen even in the face of having no natural hope. In the natural, they were incapable of producing children; but through the empowerment of God’s Word (promise), they trusted that promised Word such that it—the promised Word—became a sure-fast anchor that they trusted in the fulfillment of that promise. Abe was “fully persuaded” (v. 20) that God was well-able to keep and bring forth the fruitfulness of that promise child. He ‘against hope believed in hope’.

Habakkuk 2:1-3 — ¹ *I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what he will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am reprov'd.* ² *And the LORD answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that reads it.* ³ *For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.*

- From Psalm 127:1, a “watchman” does exactly that: they “watch”. The Hebrew word “watch” here in Habakkuk means to *lean* forward, that is, to *peer* into the distance; by implication to *observe, await*: translated other places as ‘behold’, ‘espy’, ‘look up’, ‘wait for’, (keep the) ‘watch’. It means there’s an eager anticipation in me to SEE, to grasp, to observe, to understand, to comprehend that which (in this case) The Lord will say to me, or what He will reveal to me (John 16:13)... AND watch to see what I will say about that revealing. In Psalm 141:3, King David is praying and cries out to God, “*Set a watch, O LORD, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips.*” David, knowing his words produce, is asking God to butt-in his conversations and correct him if necessary (a good practice for us all). In verse 2, we’re told to write that vision and make it plain (understandable). Why? So that others may run with that same vision, with that same understanding themselves.

- Where do we write the vision? Upon tables (tablets). The Bible tells us that our heart is the table or tablet (Proverbs 3:3) and in Psalm 45:1, it also tells us that our tongue is the pen that we use to do the writing. Another allegory could be used like that of an Artist and his paints and canvas. The brush is the pen, or tongue, and the canvas is the heart (or tablet) to which he/she paints upon. With each stroke of the brush, the image (vision) the Artist is “bringing forth” make the image clearer and clearer. In the beginning, the first few strokes may not be identified enough to get across to the looker (watcher, watchman) the full understanding of what’s being painted. But we know that with each stroke, more and more clarity will come and with that clarity, a full persuasion of the vision or image will be understood. Notice verse 3 of Habakkuk 2... the “end” shall speak and surely (no doubt about it) will come - or, it will come into being — that is, bring into *manifestation*. Those ‘strokes’ are the Seed and the watering of the image God is speaking to us. We, by our mouth (words) are agreeing to our hearing (Amos 3:3) and out of our mouth, we “bring forth” (Mt. 12:35) the harvest—the manifestation—of that image. The image or vision we’re hoping for is the fulfillment of God’s promises (our inheritance) in our lives. Our faith produces what hope sees! Seeing is not a casual glance, rather it is a continual, consistent, deliberate act on our part to keep that Word (promise, vision) before our eyes, staying focused on that Promise, KNOWING it shall come to pass for God said it, and I believe it. “If thou can believe, all things are possible to him that believes.” (Mark 9:23) What’s possible for me may not be possible for you. Not because I’m better than you, but because I’ve taken the time to develop the image of God’s Word of Promise in my life, such that I SEE it, I-know-that-I-know it shall be as my God has declared. I have become FULLY PERSUADED of the Word’s power to come to pass. Others MAY NOT have taken the time, or maybe have more debris in their lives to flush out to make room for the Promised Seed. But the process is the same for ALL: Find the Seed, believe in the reality of that Seed for you personally, then meditate upon that promised Seed (process of watering the Seed and flushing out impurities within - see Ephesians 5:26), keep speaking that Seed making it personal, and stay focused upon that Seed knowing that it will come to pass. Soon, the harvest of your faith will come.
- Faith produces what Hope sees — bringing your faith into manifestation.

2 Corinthians 4:1 – 4 — ¹ *Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not;* ² *But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.* ³ *But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:* ⁴ *In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.*

Romans 12:2 — *And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.*

- Renew your MIND... why? So that you may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God. OR, you could say, “*renew your mind to the things of God (The Kingdom of God) so that you can bring forth (Mt. 12:35) those things of God.*”

Lamentations 3:21 — *This I recall to my mind, therefore have I hope.*

- Recalling to my MIND means I have, or am in the process of, renewing my MIND to other paradigms that I have HOPE in coming to pass. I choose to SEE something that I am persuaded will come to pass or to something that is mine. Recall Romans 4:20, Abraham was ‘fully persuaded’... not half persuaded; rather FULLY. Remember also James 1:5-7, tells us that any one vacillating (not fully persuaded - up one day, down the next) is deceiving himself if he thinks he will receive anything from the Lord.

Romans 10:5 - 10 — ⁵ *For Moses describeth the righteousness which is of the law, That the man which doeth those things shall live by them.* ⁶ *But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down from above:)* ⁷ *Or, Who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.)* ⁸ *But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach;* ⁹ *That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.* ¹⁰ *For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*

- Notice please, verse 6—*But the righteousness which is of faith speaks...* Righteousness has a language - a language that SPEAKS. Who does the speaking? YOU do. IF you have faith you would be speaking. Speaking what? The promised SEED that you are believing to come to pass in your life. 2 Corinthians 4:12 tells us, “*We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak;*” I believe—therefore I speak. You speak what you truly believe. Reminds us of Matthew 12:34 ... *out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks;* or, Proverbs 18:21 - *Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.* Or, how about Proverbs 21:23 — *Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles.* Words are SEEDS and have but one purpose: harvest – to produce, fruitfulness.

- Look at verse 8 — *“But what saith (says) it?”* The word, “it” refers back to verse 6, the righteousness of faith. So, we could read this as *But what does the righteousness of faith speak?* Again, righteousness has a language. Language is to be spoken. That language is learned by those citizens IN the Kingdom where that language is spoken. We have been (not gonna be) but have been translated out of the kingdom of darkness and placed into the Kingdom of Light, the Kingdom of His dear Son (Colossians 1:13). This world has a language. This world has a belief and therefore speaks out that belief. We see this explained to us in 1 John 4:5 — *“They are OF the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world hears them.”* Jesus told us that we are to be like him, in the sense, we are IN the world but not OF the world (see John 8:23 & 18:36). This is why we must renew our minds. There is a NEW language we must learn and adopt; it’s the language of the Kingdom of God, the language of Righteousness. Out with the old, in with the new. Flush out the old way of thinking and being, and replace it with the new. Brother Keith Moore calls it the Law of Displacement (from Romans 12:2). With this new set of Laws (principles or way of thinking and being) we show the fruitfulness of our belief (see Proverbs 23:7 - *As a man thinks in his heart, so is he...*).
- Finally, take note of verse 10 of this chapter ten of Romans — *For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.* Man believes with the HEART. Not head belief, but heart belief. And how does one get that kind of belief in their heart? By writing the promised SEED upon it. And how does one write it on their heart? By speaking it. Recall both Psalm 45:1 and Proverbs 3:3 ... the tongue is the pen and the heart is the tablet. (See note above on Habakkuk 2). The later part of this verse (verse 10), says, *with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.* The words “made unto” could be translated as “resulting in”. Your BELIEF (fully persuaded) will cause you to speak (2 Cor. 4:13) and THAT spoken word will “bring forth”, or result in coming to pass, what you speak. Exactly what Mark 11:23 informs us of... *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.* This person IF he doesn’t doubt (vacillate) in his heart (or, is fully persuaded) AND IF that person believes that which he says... HE SHALL HAVE whatever he has spoken... which is his belief. *“He shall have whatsoever he says.”* He is calling for things not yet manifested, as though those things are already in his possession (Romans 4:17). *“Let the weak say, I AM STRONG”* (Joel 3:10). Present condition (or circumstance): weak. Calling for (saying something else): I am strong. Calling for strength in the midst of weakness.

Closing:

WRITE YOUR VISION, paint your HOPE with Words of Faith, KNOWING that your VISION will surely come to pass. Consistency - hold fast to your confession (Hebrews 10:23) because HE IS FAITHFUL to bring it to pass for you. ~ Larry R. Blackburn