Objective: to enable every believer to see the 'bigger picture' of their lives and believe in the current manifestation of power restarting the faith-miracleproducing-lifestyle.

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#### From Faith to Faith in the Last Days – Pt 11 The Harvest of Miracles

Rom. 1:16, 17 NKJV; Heb. 11:6; Luke 18:7,8 James 1:3,4; Jer. 33:3; 1 Tim. 1:5, 6 NLT; 2 Thes. 1:3, 4 Rom. 10:8; 2 Cor. 4:13; Rom. 3:27 NKJV

#### Introduction

In these days, we are we so challenged to 'rediscover' the power of our faith—the faith that came to us when we believed the 'gospel'—the good news. Faith is one of those 'always on,' truths, that is to be released, in the 'current moment' of challenge and opportunity. Is your faith producing fully like you would like it to? I have accommodated too many things and allowed them to be the 'accepted norm' for my life. God wants to take away the 'mystery' that many have concerning *faith*.

If there is anything that Satan does not want us to discover and operate it is the 'law of faith' just as he does not want you to discover and operate the 'law of the seed.'

#### Definition of "Law."

- Rules of conduct, procedure or morality governing a community, city, nation or group of nations
- A particular natural or scientific phenomenon that always occurs if certain conditions are present.

Examples of different laws:

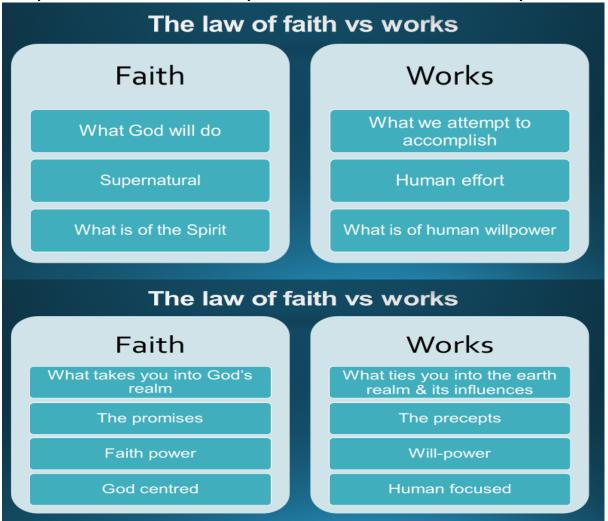
- 1. Law of gravity forces of mass that attract one object to another based on weight (latin—gravitas)
- 2. Law of aerodynamics sometimes referred to as the 'law of lift.' It is the basic idea, that if the forces of air are increased around an object heavier than air it can rise in the air in a specific direction...as air passes over an airplanes wings because of the speed of the airplane, it lifts the 'heavier than air' airplane off the ground...this is called "flight." This is a law that is *superior* to the law of gravity. However, when the conditions of the law of aerodynamics fade, the law of gravity resumes.

#### Defining the Law of Works

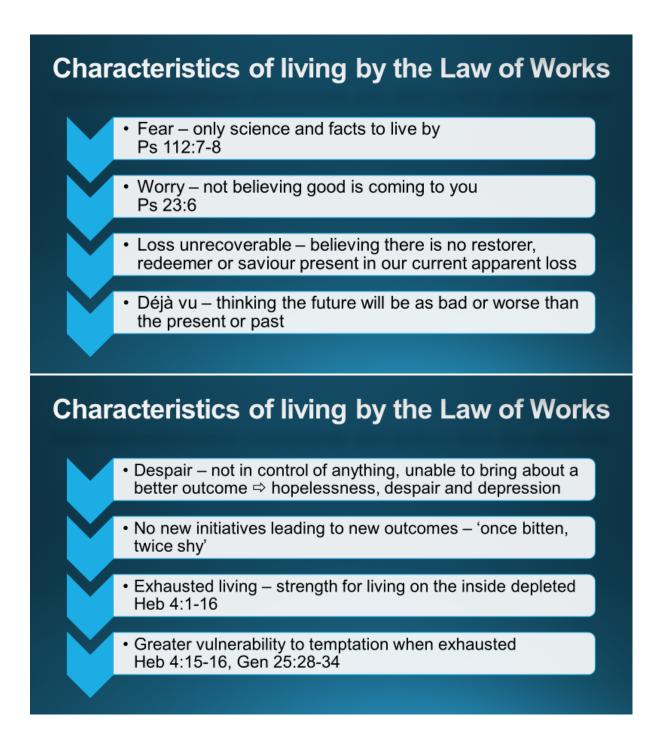
Law in Genesis—Law of the Spirit of Life, Law of Sin and Death, Law of Works are all first found in the Book of Genesis. The *law of sin and death* (Gen. 2:17, 3:3) was eventually superseded by the *law of the spirit of life* (Rom. 8:2). Gen. 3:7 reveals to us the *law of works*. The "law of works" in a spiritual sense is: trying to *become, to be and to do in my own strength,* what makes me acceptable to God—what Adam and Eve did in the Garden after sin, to be acceptable to themselves and to God, by covering themselves, their shame, and their nakedness as they had lost 'the glory' that had covered them.

**The Law of Faith vs the Law of works – Rom. 3:27 NKJV** The Law of faith and the law of works operate in a believer's life. Both of them, operate by faith. Faith in God and His promises, operates the 'law of faith.' Faith in yourself and what you can do to become, accomplish, and be acceptable, will produce a 'self-made' person. However good a believer may attempt to be, exercising the 'law of works' (believing in yourself and your own efforts), you are still an abject failure in God's eyes. Isa. 64:6 says, "...all our righteous acts are like filthy rags." Job. 14:4; 25:4-6; Ps. 51:5; Rom. 7:18; Phil. 3:9.

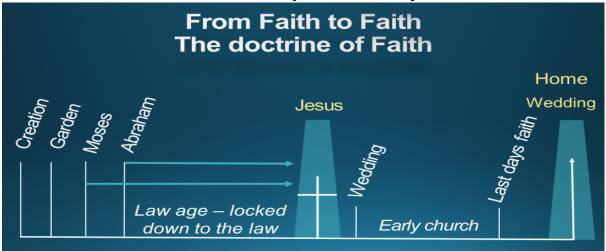
Rom. 3:27-28 NKJV "Where *is* boasting then? It is excluded. By what **law? Of works? No, but by the law of faith**." It is easy to simply live a 'natural life' operating in human logic, human effort, human will-power and human energy...that is, until, they don't suffice...or they fail to solve the issues that you face.



#### Characteristics of Living By the Law of Works, Human Effort



#### From Faith to Faith in Redemptive History



Gal. 3:23 – locked down under the Law.

John 1:17 – Grace came by faith with Jesus. Rom. 5:1,2; Acts 2:22; \*We live off of the promises of God. We cannot live off of the commands of God—they hold no power to enable us. They reveal God's holy character to us. Grace, or enablement, flows from the promises of God. Most people are: commandment-oriented, not promise-oriented. What promises are you living by? Promises require faith. Commands are acts of human will-power. Faith-power vs. will-power.

John 2:11 – the first disciples at a wedding miracle. The last disciples, will also attend The Wedding Miracle of Resurrection and Ascension. It was faith that saved a wedding celebration at the beginning of Christ's ministry. It is the 'salvation revealed in the last time,' by faith, that saves the final Wedding of the Bride and the Bridegroom.

#### The Law of Faith – Rom. 3:27 NKJV

Defining the 'law of faith." **The Law of Faith** – faith, operated in one of God's promises, produces what is in that promise. According to Heb. 11:1, 6... Faith is a law of certainty, of being sure, confident, and trusting. It is exercised or generated, from the heart, towards God and His words of promise, that produces the reward of having done so.

Faith is a law of the kingdom...operated correctly, it works every single time \*\*this is greatly contested...however, if God said you should do a thing and He would do a thing on the basis of what you did and that was what He said, He would be a liar if it did not result in what He said. Num. 23:19.

The promises of God are not "maybes…" Because of disappointments and doubts that have come as a result of disappointments, many believers don't really believe the **promises of God** are really **promises** so they say something like "…after all God is sovereign…" So they have a 'get-out' clause just in case something doesn't happen that they hope will happen. *Disappointments do not make God a liar or make His promises into "maybes."* 

\*\*The challenge of living the Christian life, is not only to *believe* God, but also, to *continue to believe*, for the whole journey of life.

We remember that the word, "law" is defined as: cause and effect that always apply under the same conditions.

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Gal. 3:2-3 says, "I would like to learn just one thing from you: Did you receive the Spirit **by observing the law**, or **by believing what you heard**? Are you so foolish? After beginning with the Spirit, are you now trying to **attain your goal by human effort**?" According to Heb. 11:1, faith has to do with 'certainty.'

#### How Do I Operate the Law of Faith -- Rom. 3:27 NKJV

The Law of Faith defined:

Just like gravity, the law of faith is the established and consistent rule, that whenever a promise is met with faith, it releases the supernatural power within it.

When 'The Promise,' (The Seed), came to earth, and died upon the Cross, and that Promise and His work, were met with faith, salvation occurs every time. John 3:16; 1 John 1:9. Whenever the promise for healing, provision, intervention or deliverance is met with faith, those things consistently occur. There may be some time between the promise and the fulfilment, the seed-sowing and the harvest, but nevertheless as faith endures, the promise will be realised or manifested. God is faithful. 1 Cor. 1:9.

## God Has Made You a Person of Faith—A Faith-Operating Person

You have been 'constructed' or 're-made in salvation to believe God's Word and God's voice...thus connecting with Him in a relationship of power and love. Rom. 12:3 KJV; Gal. 3:11; When you heard the message of salvation, and chose to believe it, you received at that moment, the faith-capacity to receive everything else that Christ has done for you. You became a 'faith-capable, faith-operating person.' You had a 'heart to believe,' a new heart that beats 'faith' and not fear or self-trust. One of the most powerful statements of faith that assumes this new capacity is found in Acts 3:6... "...such as I have." Peter's declaration is a declaration of **the possession of faith and its capacity**. He is really saying, "I've got your situation 'covered' in modern terminology. We must begin to practise this same declaration about every issue that we face. Say it today... "I have what you need! I have that covered!" Matt. 10:8; Matt. 4:19 – "...I will make you (supernatural) 'fishers of men....'" Mark 11:23,24.

\*\*Where are the miracles needed today? Let us begin again to make our faith-declaration regarding every one of them. Let us also 'speak **to** them and not merely about them! 'Money come! Sickness, go! Ears, hear! Job, come! Food, come! In Jesus Name!" Acts 3:16. Restart your 'faith-engine' today!

#### **Characteristics or Conditions of the Law of Faith**

Every law has *governing conditions*. If those conditions are not met, the law does not operate.

- Faith must be based on what God has said that we have heard. Num. 23:19; Isa. 46:11; Ez. 36:36; I John 5:14, 15; Heb. 10:23; Ps. 89:34; Rom. 10:17 (we must translate the 'written into the spoken-heard' word. Matt. 4:4).
- 2. We must **ask in faith** or using faith. Matt. 7:7,8; James 4:2; James 1:6, 7; Matt. 21:22.
- 3. We must **speak** words of faith in line or consistent with what God has spoken or promised. We have the 'speech

of faith' not the speech of doubt, unbelief or fear. Rom. 10:8-10; Mark 11:23, 24. 2 Cor. 4:13. No rehearsal of disappointments, negative past experiences...always keeping our eyes on Jesus, the Author and Perfecter of our faith.... Believe what *you say*! Words have to be spoken! Prov. 12:6; Isa. 57:19; Rom. 4:17; Confession is both 'agreeing with God' and releasing the spirit-power of your words into situations.

4. We must **act** in faith. James 2:17-26.

#### The Produce of Faith – Sowing For Your Harvest of Miracles

You can only, have a harvest, if you plant a seed. We all want to have a 'harvest of miracles.' *However, no seed-planting, no harvest*. This is the law that God set up, in both Creation and Redemption. Gen. 8:22; Matt. 9:29; Mk.11:23, 24; Hosea 10:12; 1 Cor. 15:36, 37.



#### **Three Phases of Faith-Seed Planting:**

How Does the Believer Establish the Certain Word as Certain?

Heb. 11:1 says, "Now faith is being **sure** of what we hope for and **certain** of what we do not see." A life of *establishing certainty in a world of uncertainty*. Has God said it? (Garden conversation with the Devil...tells us how great this issue is) Rom. 4:21 "...being **fully persuaded...**."

- Faith is a 'product' of the Spirit.' The Spirit speaks and we respond. Gal. 5:22 KJV; Matt. 4:4 "...the proceeding word out of the mouth of God," is a Spirit-spoken word, into our hearts that never is contrary to the Bible—the written Word. Faith, is an operation of the Spirit, as its spiritual activation in the person of each believer, is by 'hearing the Spirit's voice.' This is why worship, meditation, listening/hearing and speaking in tongues are so vital. Gal. 5:22 KJV tells us that faith is a 'fruit or a work or a production, of the Spirit.' Rom. 10:17 tells us that faith comes by hearing...the voice of God, the Holy Spirit.
- Establishing our faith, means deepening our relationship to the Holy Spirit. Your first miracle started with the Holy Spirit—He spoke to you of your need to receive Christ and you 'heard and obeyed.' You cultivate that process your whole lifelong! You only trust, deeply, those with whom, you have the deepest relationship.

Rom. 5:5 Loving God via the Spirit and loving others via the Spirit. 2 Cor. 13:14 says, "May the **grace** of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the **love** of God, and the **fellowship of the Holy Spirit** be with you all."

Grace, or favour flows out of the love and fellowship we have with God through Holy Spirit interaction. Phil. 2:1; Jude 20, 21 NASU says, "But you, beloved, **building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit,** keep yourselves in the love of God...."

\*\*We all need to invest more time with the Holy Spirit...to deepen our relationship to Him and to trust Him, more deeply, establishing our 'faith-link,' to all that He says and thus seeing the manifestation of that God-given faith.

Practising listening to the Holy Spirit, in a 'busy' world...that tends to crowd out the voice, that brings the 'word of faith,' and its results, can be a challenge. Nevertheless, it is the salvation of our times and our world. People die because they don't hear. People are destitute because they don't hear. People live in the paralysis and torment of fear, because they don't hear the 'other' voice...the Holy Spirit.

\*\*Confidence, assurance, and a strong sense of certainty are developed by 1) repetition 2) success, over and over again, in hearing and seeing it come to pass. The Bible is a book of *repetition*. We often think that if we have seen something once, we possess it. We forget, we leak, we drift, we doubt, and we fight. See practical steps.

#### Application

We want to develop and sustain our faith and give it to our next generation.

Faith is taught and 'caught,' from the Scriptures in six ways:

- 1. Hear it Rom. 10:17; Acts 19:4,5; Gal. 3:2, 5 NKJV; Mt. 4:4
- 2. See it Isa. 51:6; Gen. 13:14; Gen. 15:5, 6; Ps.123:1-2; Heb. 12:2;
- 3. Read it Matt. 4:4; Deut. 17:19; Deut. 31:1; 1 Thes. 5:27,28; Heb. 11:6 God who is 'there' and God, the Rewarder. Misthos...a transaction....what must we do to work the works of God...believe...believing is the 'work' and the reward or payment is a miracle---it is the payment as believing and receiving are a spiritual transaction. We give faith, the Rewarder pays us with the miracle. See misapodotes hire, reward, pay, payment, hired worker, etc.
- 4. Say it Rom.10:8-10 Your 'confession of faith' is vital as your 'mouth and your spirit' are inseparably connected. When Israel did not speak right (words of faith), they died outside of Canaan. Num. 13:32; Num. 14:37; Deut. 1:35, 36; Rom. 4:17 "...calls those things that are not as though they were." Jeremiah 1:4-6 – "formed, knew, born, set apart, appointed...to..." The wrong confessions: (vs.6)
  - "I do not know..." you have the 'mind of Christ...."
  - "I do not know how..." He is the Way...
  - "I do not know how to speak..." I will put my words in your mouth...
  - "I am..." you are who He says you are...
  - "I am only..." (restricted) "nothing will be impossible for you..." Lk 17:20.

 "...a child..." – "Grow in grace and knowledge...." (not stay an infant, if, in fact, you are.

**"Do not say...."** Don't let the wrong, inaccurate, untrue words come out of your mouth! You have to get them out of your heart, by getting His words about you, into your heart." (Scriptures) Deut. 18:18; Isa. 51:16; Jer. 1:9; Rom. 10:8-10

"You must go...." "You must say...." "Do not be afraid..."

- 5. Record it Deut. is the Book of Remembrance...a book 'written.' Israel was commanded to record the history of God's works for their own continuity of faith and the next generation of faith. Deut. 6:6-9, 20-24; Judg. 8:34; Ps. 106:7; Ps. 78:42; The Bible is a 'record-book' of the miracle works of God. Where is your book?
- 6. Do it John 2:5; James 2:16-18; Col. 4:17; Judg. 7:17; 2 Sam.7:3; Gen. 12:4 "...so Abram left..."

Be who you are: A man/woman/child of faith – Gal.3:29; Rom. 4:16, 17.

#### Returning To your Heritage!

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Family Project/Assignment:

- Purchase and read **aloud**, a portion, once or twice a week, to your family or **aloud** to yourself, the book, "The Power of Your Words," by E.W. Kenyon and Don Gossett. This book is available on Kindle and in paperback on Amazon.
- Enter into your "Harvest of Miracles" book some previous miracles that God has done, so that you can have a record of things to "remember," as God commanded Israel.

## HARVEST

# OF MIRACLES

### "FOR YOU...A HARVEST IS APPOINTED...." HOSEA 6:11

- Write the date
- Write the word you heard
- Write the Scripture reference that backs it
- Write the date it manifested
- Keep it near to remind and add to...