

Faith in God

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NOT in my faith which is a kind of works faith – in other words not faith in our faith. We are to have faith in God. It sounds a little tricky, but it's very simple. Sometimes we press ourselves to have faith when our faith needs to be in God.

We should have faith in who God is. Moshe heard God proclaim some of His attributes.

Ex 34:6-7 (NKJV)

And the Lord passed before him and proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and the children's children to the third and the fourth generation."

Here are some attributes of God to consider and some corresponding scriptures.

Faith in God's:

1) Authority

Matt. 28:18 NKJV – Yeshua

All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

1 Cor. 15:24 NKJV

Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power.

John 14:12-13 NKJV

Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father. And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

2) Faithfulness

Matthew 4:24-25 NKJV

Then His fame went throughout all Syria; and they brought to Him all sick people who were afflicted with various diseases and torments, and those who were demon-possessed, epileptics, and paralytics; and He healed them. Great multitudes followed Him—from Galilee, and from Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and beyond the Jordan.

Matt. 8:16 NKJV

When evening had come, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed. And He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick.

Heb 2:17 NKJV

Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

3) Willingness

Rom. 4:21 NKJV

Being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform.

Matt. 8:3 NKJV

Then Yeshua¹ put out His hand and touched him, saying, "I am willing; be cleansed."

Immediately his leprosy was cleansed.

Numbers 23:19 NKJV

God is not a man (like man), that He should lie.

¹ Scriptures from NKJV with "Yeshua" instead of Jesus. Yeshua is Jesus' real name. Again, I sometimes use the NKJV because of limitations put on the use of the Complete Jewish Bible.

4) Compassion

Matt. 14:12-14 NKJV

Then his disciples came and took away the body (John's body, Yeshua's cousin) and buried it, and went and told Yeshua. When Yeshua heard it, He departed from there by boat to a deserted place by Himself. But when the multitudes heard it, they followed Him on foot from the cities. And when Yeshua went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick.

5) Wisdom

Romans 11:33-36 NKJV

Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out! "For who has known the mind of the LORD? Or who has become His counselor?" "Or who has first given to Him and it shall be repaid to him?" For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen.

Job 5:9 NKJV

Who does great things, and unsearchable, marvelous things without number.

Rom. 16:27 NKJV

To God, alone wise, *be* glory through Yeshua the Messiah forever. Amen.

6) Power

Luke 24:49 NKJV

Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high."

1 Cor. 5:4 NKJV

In the name of our Lord Yeshua the Messiah, when you are gathered together, along with my spirit, with the power of our Lord Yeshua the Messiah.

(Suggests that when they got together they experienced God's power.)

Eph. 1:19 NKJV

And what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power.

7) Love

Rom. 5:8 NKJV

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Eph. 2:4 NKJV

But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us.

1 John 4:7-8 NKJV

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

8) God Doesn't Change

Heb. 13:8 NKJV

Yeshua the Messiah is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

James 1:17 NKJV

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.