

# True Faith vs. American Faith

## Pride Verses Humility

### 1. Realize our covenant with God:

**a. Romans 2:25-29** "For indeed circumcision is of value, if you practice the Law; but if you are a transgressor of the Law, your circumcision has become uncircumcision. 26. If therefore the uncircumcised man keeps the requirements of the Law, will not his uncircumcision be regarded as circumcision?"

27. And will not he who is physically uncircumcised, if he keeps the Law, will he not judge you who though having the letter of the Law and circumcision are a transgressor of the Law? 28. For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly; neither is circumcision that which is outward in the flesh. 29. But he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that which is of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter; and his praise is not from men, but from God."

**b. Romans 8:15** "For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!"

**c. Ephesians 1:5** "He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will"

### 2. Understanding God as a Father:

a. Promise of inheritance: 1 Cor 1:18 "Being Saved" is Sozo and means: "deliver, protect, heal, preserve, do well, make whole" This is a promise of a progressive work of God in our lives. Acts 2:21 "All who call on the name of the Lord will be saved (sozo)."

b. Promise of being an heir through adoption: We are legitimate children

c. Just Judge: God sees the injustice of the enemy

### 3. "Have Faith in God"

**a. Canaanite woman** Matt 15: 21. And Jesus went away from there, and withdrew into the district of Tyre and Sidon. 22. And behold, a Canaanite woman came out from that region, and began to cry out, saying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is cruelly demon-possessed."

23. But He did not answer her a word. And His disciples came to Him and kept asking Him, saying, "Send her away, for she is shouting out after us." 24. But He answered and said, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." 25. But she came and began to bow down before Him, saying, "Lord, help me!" 26. And He answered and said, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." 27. But she said, "Yes, Lord; but even the dogs feed on the crumbs which fall from their masters' table." 28. Then Jesus answered and said to her, "O woman, **your faith is great**; be it done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed at once.

Notice the humility of this woman. I wonder how much pride is in the mentality of Americans. An attitude of "we deserve" this or that. A demanding attitude. She didn't come to Jesus quoting Bible verses, chanting promises of God, or demanding. She didn't have faith in herself (faith in her faith), but she had faith in Jesus that he could heal her. She came humble with faith, and he heard her.

**b. Centurian** Matt 8:5 "And when He had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, entreating Him, 6. and saying, "Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, suffering great pain." 7. And He said to him, "I will come and heal him." 8. But the centurion answered and said, "Lord, I am not worthy for You to come under my roof, but just say the word, and my servant will be healed. 9. "For I, too, am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to this one, `Go!' and he goes, and to another, `Come!' and he comes, and to my slave, `Do this!' and he does it." 10. Now when Jesus heard this, He marveled, and said to those who were following, "**Truly I say to you, I have not found such great faith with anyone in Israel.**" 11. "And I say to you, that many shall come from east and west, and recline at the table with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven; 12.

but the sons of the kingdom shall be cast out into the outer darkness; in that place there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth." 13. And Jesus said to the centurion, "Go your way; let it be done to you as you have believed." And the servant was healed that very hour.

This man understand simple faith in the Lord. He didn't try to complicate it. That is why Jesus said many heirs of the kingdom would be in outer darkness (suffering). Many of God's people will suffer because they complicate things with faith in their faith or something else.

**c. Not faith in our faith, but faith in God to hear us and answer us as his children:** But ultimately not giving up, but being persistent. God wants us to keep praying with FAITH IN HIM, that we are his children, he loves us, and he will do as we ask.

#### **4. Believing God because:**

- a. What Jesus did on the cross
- b. He is our father and we are his true children....no illegitimate
- c. God shows us his will through his word
  - \*For all to be saved 1Peter 3:9
  - \*Jesus paid for healing on the cross 1Peter 2:24
  - \*Jesus paid for deliverance on the cross Galatians 3:13-14
  - \*Jesus paid for the veil to be ripped so that we can have fellowship with God Mt 27:51

We need to put our faith in God and seek him in prayer and fasting. He will answer us, not because of our righteousness, works, manipulation, or faith in our faith, but he will answer us because we are his children and he loves us, we are in covenant with him, and he said he would. John 15