

Doubt : The Thief of God's Blessing

Main Bible Verse:

(James 1:5-8) If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do.

Summary:

1. Doubt steals God's blessings. God loves to bestow wisdom upon all who seek Him. God's word is God's command. It is not merely a message. When God's word enters us, we will be empowered to change our lives.
2. How should we come before the Lord and receive such blessings? The answer is to ask God with faith without doubt for doubt steals the blessings and promises God has prepared for you.
3. (Numbers 13:16-33 / 14:1-8) The ten spies did not have faith in God's word. They do not believe in the promise that God has blessed them with, the land of Canaan. They relied on their feelings, their own eyes, but not on the faith toward God's word. When they see through their own eyes but not by faith of God's word, all they could see is bad news instead of God's blessings. On the other hand, Joshua and Caleb, they saw through faith and was able to see the blessings of God. That is the reason Joshua and Caleb was able to enter the promise land.
4. Faith is not to focus on the situation. Faith is the willingness to deny ourselves, taking up the cross, and follow Jesus. Without questions and without doubt, Paul obeyed God's word. Wherever God sent him to establish God's church, Paul follows the instruction. By the command of God, Paul was able to establish churches of Rome, Corinth, Galatia, Ephesus, Philippi, Colossae, and Thessalonians.
5. The reason Adam and Eve departed from the blessings of God was because of their doubt toward God's word. That is why Satan was able to attack them with their doubt and stole the blessings God has prepared for them.
6. (Mark 6:1-6) Jesus went to His hometown, where people witnessed His childhood. People there were full of doubt and slandering when they see the miracles Jesus was able to perform and they took offense at Jesus. Because of their doubt, they could not receive any healing or blessing, and Jesus left them.
7. (II Corinthians 5:7) Jesus is God who created heaven and earth. He is God of blessings. However, if you do not believe, if you have doubt, or if you are double-minded, Jesus could not do anything for you. If your heart is full of doubt, you will not be able to receive God's healings and He could not set you free. For your doubt has rejected the miracles and blessings God is giving you.
8. (Psalms 119:113-116) The opposite of double-minded is wholehearted. We must come to church to receive God's word and lift up our hands and worship Him wholeheartedly, for that is how we could transform from being double-minded to someone who trust in God, rely on God, and look up to God wholeheartedly. Day by day, let God's word and His will enter our heart and our faith will grow. When our faith has reached the throne of God, we will receive complete healing. God will bless our career, family, health, and interpersonal relationships.
9. (James 4:6-8/Proverbs 1:7/Proverbs 2:6) Arrogant is disbelieve. Being arrogant means our heart has been grasped by worldly knowledge, social status, desires, and benefits, while blocking the blessings God is giving us.

10. (Ephesians 5:19/ Revelation 3:7-8) How do we get close to God? By praise and worship daily, read God's word daily, build ourselves up in truth daily. When we live a life of worship, we will receive the key of David, what it opens no one can shut.