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TRUSTING IN THE LORD

We talk about trusting in the Lord, but there are many who do not fully trust the Lord Jesus Christ. This lack of trust in the Lord goes all the way back to the beginning of time. The angels who rebelled against the Lord showed their lack of faith. When Adam sinned in the Garden of Eden he showed his lack of faith. When Cain became jealous of his brother Able, he showed his lack of faith.

Trusting in the Lord is a lot harder than most people realize. There are many Christians who have little faith and don't really trust the Lord. They may say that they trust the Lord, but their actions dictate otherwise.

One of my favorite stories about faith is found in the Old Testament. Here is a story about a strong female judge and her wimp general who was afraid to lead the Army unless he was accompanied by the judge. A lot of people thought that Margret Thatcher was unique, but she only emulated an old female judge in the Bible.

Deborah was a true leader who totally trusted in the Lord. She was a strong leader who realized that the Lord was her strength. She realized that there was no strength in her, but that all of her strength came from above. On the other hand, Barak only trusted what he could see. He saw the superior forces of Sisera and the small forces of Israel. He knew that it was futile to go against such a strong force. All he could see was the total destruction of his Army. He did not trust in the Lord his

God. He trusted in what he could see and not in the almighty.

Judges 4:1-24

1 And the children of Israel again did evil in the sight of the LORD, when Ehud was dead.

2 And the LORD sold them into the hand of Jabin king of Canaan, that reigned in Hazor; the captain of whose host was Sisera, which dwelt in Harosheth of the Gentiles.

3 And the children of Israel cried unto the LORD: for he had nine hundred chariots of iron; and twenty years he mightily oppressed the children of Israel.

4 And Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of Lapidoth, she judged Israel at that time.

5 And she dwelt under the palm tree of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in mount Ephraim: and the children of Israel came up to her for judgment.

6 And she sent and called Barak the son of Abinoam out of Kedeshnaphtali, and said unto him, Hath not the LORD God of Israel commanded, saying, Go and draw toward mount Tabor, and take with thee ten thousand men of the children of Naphtali and of the children of Zebulun?

7 And I will draw unto thee to the river Kishon Sisera, the captain of Jabin's army, with his chariots and his multitude; and I will deliver him into thine hand.

8 And Barak said unto her, If thou wilt go with me, then I will go: but if thou wilt not go with me, then I will not go.

9 And she said, I will surely go with thee:

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notwithstanding the journey that thou takest shall not be for thine honour; for the LORD shall sell Sisera into the hand of a woman. And Deborah arose, and went with Barak to Kedesh.

10 And Barak called Zebulun and Naphtali to Kedesh; and he went up with ten thousand men at his feet: and Deborah went up with him.

11 Now Heber the Kenite, which was of the children of Hobab the father in law of Moses, had severed himself from the Kenites, and pitched his tent unto the plain of Zaanaim, which is by Kedesh.

12 And they shewed Sisera that Barak the son of Abinoam was gone up to mount Tabor.

13 And Sisera gathered together all his chariots, even nine hundred chariots of iron, and all the people that were with him, from Harosheth of the Gentiles unto the river of Kishon.

14 And Deborah said unto Barak, Up; for this is the day in which the LORD hath delivered Sisera into thine hand: is not the LORD gone out before thee? So Barak went down from mount Tabor, and ten thousand men after him.

15 And the LORD discomfited Sisera, and all his chariots, and all his host, with the edge of the sword before Barak; so that Sisera lighted down off his chariot, and fled away on his feet.

16 But Barak pursued after the chariots, and after the host, unto Harosheth of the Gentiles: and all the host of Sisera fell upon the edge of the sword; and there was not a man left.

17 Howbeit Sisera fled away on his feet to the tent of Jael the wife of Heber the Kenite: for there was peace between Jabin the king of Hazor and the house of Heber the Kenite.

18 And Jael went out to meet Sisera, and said unto him, Turn in, my lord, turn in to me; fear not. And when he had turned in unto her into

the tent, she covered him with a mantle.

19 And he said unto her, Give me, I pray thee, a little water to drink; for I am thirsty. And she opened a bottle of milk, and gave him drink, and covered him.

20 Again he said unto her, Stand in the door of the tent, and it shall be, when any man doth come and enquire of thee, and say, Is there any man here? that thou shalt say, No.

21 Then Jael Heber's wife took a nail of the tent, and took an hammer in her hand, and went softly unto him, and smote the nail into his temples, and fastened it into the ground: for he was fast asleep and weary. So he died.

22 And, behold, as Barak pursued Sisera, Jael came out to meet him, and said unto him, Come, and I will shew thee the man whom thou seekest. And when he came into her tent, behold, Sisera lay dead, and the nail was in his temples.

23 So God subdued on that day Jabin the king of Canaan before the children of Israel.

24 And the hand of the children of Israel prospered, and prevailed against Jabin the king of Canaan, until they had destroyed Jabin king of Canaan.

The people of this world put their total faith and trust in what they can see. They trust in the size of their military, and what is around them. In these hard times there are many who are wondering where their next pay check will come from. Others are concerned about their investments. While others have put their faith in the government. On the other hand, the Christian who totally trusts in the Lord has put his faith in the Lord who he cannot see. He has his faith in the realm of the Spirit world that cannot be seen with the naked eye. This faith is a faith that cannot be seen, but there is a greater force that is not seen than that which can be seen. For instance, take the power of the atom which

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cannot be seen, but powers nuclear reactors, ships, and has the greatest destructive force known to man. Trusting in the Lord is trusting in a force that is greater than the atom. Both cannot be seen, but we see the evidence of their power.

Hebrews 11:1-6

1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

2 For by it the elders obtained a good report.

3 Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

4 By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh.

5 By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Deborah showed how much the Lord was displeased in Barak's lack of faith when she inquired about preparing the army for battle.

“Hath not the LORD God of Israel commanded, saying, Go and draw toward mount Tabor, and take with thee ten thousand men of the children of Naphtali and of the children of Zebulun?”

Here was a man who could not please the Lord by his lack of faith. He saw 10,000 foot soldiers being slain by the enemy. Sisera had a mechanized army with chariots and horses,

whereas the Israeli army relied only on the foot soldier. There is no mention of iron chariots or other munitions for Israel. All Israel had were spears, swords, and arrows. On the other hand, Sisera's army had iron chariots (armor), mounted troops, along with superior professional military training. Barak was to amass an army consisting of farmers and tradesmen. These men had no training, and they had little military ability.

Barak was fearful with just about the welfare of his troops. He did not consider the power of the Lord and how the Lord will actually fight the battle.

The Lord expects us to put all of our faith and trust in him and not in the carnal things of this world. We have resources that the world cannot see. We have abilities that the world cannot fathom. When we trust in the unseen Lord, we have greater abilities than even we can imagine.

It is impossible to please God without faith, but when you put all of your faith and trust in the Lord, God is well pleased. Trust in the Lord with your whole heart and the Lord will be pleased.

Proverbs 3:5

5 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

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