

Have Faith in God
(Mark 11:22)

Introduction:

1. Last Sunday our lesson was based on the statement in Lamentations 3:23 where Jeremiah described God's faithfulness as *"great."*
2. According to Hebrews 10:23, God's faithfulness should lead us to *"hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering."*
3. Since this is the case, today we are basing our lesson on the Lord's statement in Mark 11:22 -- *"Have faith in God."*
4. The first point we need to make is that . . .

Discussion:

- I. FAITH IN GOD IS ESSENTIAL TO PLEASING HIM
 - A. This is clearly revealed in Hebrews 11:6.
 - B. In Hebrews 11 we read about a number of men and women who pleased God as they demonstrated their faith in various ways.
 - C. This leads us to our next point.
- II. FAITH IN GOD IS DEMONSTRATED
 - A. This is clearly revealed in James 2:18-20.
 - B. To illustrate this point, Jesus *"saw"* the faith of the men who brought their friend to Him to be healed of palsy (Mark 2:1-5).
 - C. During His ministry Jesus commended those who demonstrated their faith.
 1. He commended the centurion for having *"great faith"* (Matthew 8:5-10).
 2. He also commended the woman of Canaan (Matthew 15:21-28).
 - D. In Acts we read about many of the Lord's followers who demonstrated their faith.
 1. Peter and John demonstrated their faith (Acts 4:18-22).
 2. All of the apostles demonstrated their faith (Acts 5:40-42).
 3. Stephen demonstrated his faith (Acts 7:54-60).
 4. Paul and Silas demonstrated their faith (Acts 16:22-25).
 - E. For our final point we need to show how . . .
- III. GOD WILL BLESS THOSE WHO HAVE FAITH IN HIM
 - A. This clearly revealed in Hebrews 11:2 -- by faith *"the elders obtained a good report."*
 - B. Paul looked forward to receiving *"a crown of righteousness"* because he had *"kept the faith"* (2 Timothy 4:6-8).

Conclusion:

1. Because God's faithfulness is great, let us have faith in Him.
2. Let us demonstrate our faith in God by putting His will into practice.
3. We learn from Galatians 3:26-29 how to become God's children.