

Let Us Have Faith in the One God
(Mark 11:20-24)

Introduction:

1. Earlier (vs.12-14), Jesus cursed a fig tree because it did not bear any figs.
2. The next day the fig tree was *"dried up from the roots"* (vs.20).
3. Peter mentioned what had happened, and Jesus responded.
4. We are basing our lesson on the statement that Jesus made to His disciples in Mark 11:22 -- "Let us have faith in the one God."
5. The first point we need to make is that . . .

Discussion:

I. THERE IS ONE GOD

- A. Ephesians 4:6 states that there is *"One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all."*
- B. The One God:
 1. is the *"Father of all,"* including Jews and Gentiles
 2. is *"above all"* (Matthew 6:9; Isaiah 40:22)
 3. is *"through all, and in you all"* -- He created everything (Genesis 1).

II. WE MUST HAVE FAITH IN THE ONE GOD TO PLEASE 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.

III. WE DEMONSTRATE OUR FAITH IN THE ONE GOD BY OUR ACTIONS

- 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 . . .

IV. THE ONE GOD WILL BLESS THOSE WHO HAVE FAITH IN HIM

- A. This is 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. Let us have faith in the one God.
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.