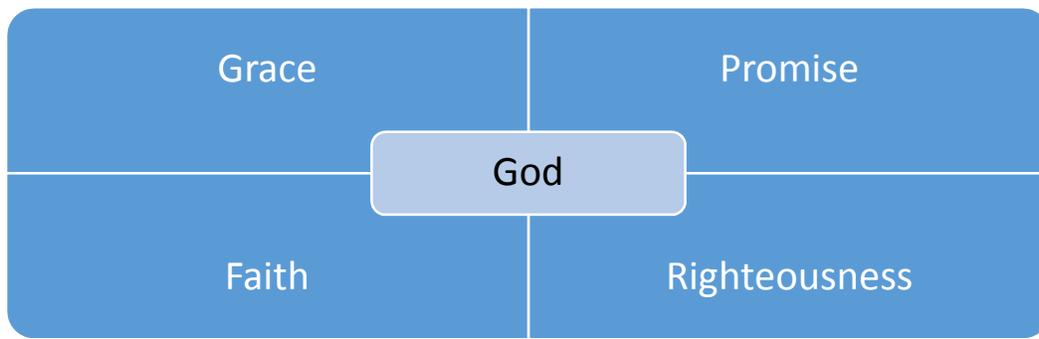


Galatians 3:1-7– The spirit is received by faith, and miracles are performed by faith. Abraham provides the standard for how to receive righteousness and all the promises offered to man by God’s grace. Faith is having confidence and trust that God’s Word is truth and that He will bring to pass what He says He will.

Romans 4:13-16 – Note the connection between the promise and faith. God promises, man has faith, then God delivers. Faith is contrasted with man’s works with Abraham as the example. He is the father of faith.



18 – When Abraham had no natural or rational grounds of hope in respect to himself or Sarah, he did believe in the hope that God gave Him. His eyes were on Yahweh and not his own abilities. Major obstacles we face are the hope we have in ourselves and the medical world. Abraham had no natural or rational reason for hope.

19 – He considered his own impotence, powerlessness, and concluded it was impossible for him to do this on his own. He grew into this confidence after significant failure of trying on his own. Our major hurdle is becoming convinced that we cannot do this on our own or with the help of someone else.

20 – He focused on the promise of God. We must know the promise and firmly embrace it.

21 – The critical and central component to faith

22-25 – Abraham is the standard for receiving the most important matter of all – our justification.

Numbers 21:8 – They did not receive healing by looking at the sickness or symptoms, rather at the promise connected with the brass serpent.

Hebrews 11:17-19 – Abraham did not have faith in the facts, his feelings, or reasoning, but rather in the promise of God. He did not have faith in Isaac who was the child of promise; rather, his

faith rested upon God's promise. In Isaac, Abraham had a possible crutch for his faith. With his eyes upon Isaac, the person from whom God was to fulfill the rest of His promise, it was easy to believe. So God tested his faith, testing him, by offering Isaac.

Some people have faith in God's forgiveness based upon how they feel. Some have faith in their salvation because they manifest the spirit. Some have faith in healing because they feel a little better. All of these things are placing faith in the wrong thing.

To the extent that we base faith on our improvement, or are affected by our symptoms, or by what we see or feel, instead of by the word of God alone, just to that extent ours is not real faith. To be occupied with what we see or feel is to exactly reverse the condition God lays down for us to follow. "Every one that looketh at it shall live," simply means that everyone who, like Abraham, so occupies himself with God's promise that he is no longer affected by symptoms, "shall recover." FF Bosworth

To be occupied with symptoms and influenced by them, instead of God's Word, is to question His veracity (reliability, authenticity, accuracy).

Hebrews 10:35 and 36 – After prayer, people have said, "I thought for sure I was going to be healed." Their idea was to get well first, and then to believe that God had heard their prayer. If God's Word were the sole reason for their expectation, they would have held fast the beginning of their faith until the end. Hebrews 11:1

Mark 11:24 – The requirement for appropriation of any of the blessings promised is to "believe that you have received them."

John 11:41 – The confidence that Jesus had when he raised Lazarus from the dead is our example.

Hebrews 3:7-4:2

YAHWEH MY GOD

I Love You, Yahweh, my strength.
 Yahweh is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, My God, my rock, in whom I take refuge;
 My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.
 I call upon Yahweh, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies. Psalm 18:1-3

9 – times in three verses, the word “my” is used. The word “my” in this context means: relating to or belonging to me, also to express affection for Yahweh. David’s relationship, attitude, mindset, and confession were that Yahweh was his personal God, his strength, his rock, his fortress....

Yahweh is my strength	Ps.18:32 and 39; 20:1-ff; 28:6-9; 37:39 and 40; 46:1; Phil. 4:13
Yahweh is my rock ,“ <i>sela</i> ,” crag, cliff	Ps. 31:1-5; 40:1-5; 71:1-9;
Yahweh is my fortress	Ps. 91:1-ff; 144:1-7
Yahweh is my deliverer	Ps. 40:16 and 17; 144:1 and 2; Col 1:13 and 14
Yahweh is my God	Ps. 18:6, 21, 28, 29; Ex. 15:1-3; Ps 3:7; 5:1-3,
Yahweh is my rock	1 Samuel 1:1-2:10
Yahweh is my refuge	Ps. 46:1-3; 57:1-5; 61:1-4; 118:1-16
Yahweh is my shield	Ps. 115:9-13; 144:1 and 2
Yahweh is the horn of my salvation	2 Samuel 22:1ff
Yahweh is my stronghold	Ps. 9:8-10; 31:1-5; 46:1-7; 59:9-17

My strength – Exodus 15:1-3, 13; Deuteronomy 8:16-18 – The reason for the manna was to teach them that Yahweh was their strength. We too can ask Him to teach us and prove to ourselves Yahweh is our strength.

Exodus 17:8-16 – Yahweh is our banner, our standard, ensign, signal, distinguishing mark, rallying point.

Judges 7:1ff – There are so many things to look to for strength, all of which pale in comparison to Yahweh. Good people at times can come alongside us and provide strength in time of weaknesses. Family can be a source of strength, but the one who is there constantly and most effectively is our God.

Woe to those who go down to Egypt for help, *and* rely on horses, and trust in chariots because they are many, and in horsemen because they are very strong, But they do not look to the Holy One of Israel, nor seek the LORD! Isaiah 31:1

My rock – “I, Yahweh do not change” [Malachi 3:6] The characteristics that make Yahweh God are unchangeable. He does change His mind but not His nature.

Exodus 34:6 and 7 – This is a memorial Scripture that defines the God we worship. Throughout the centuries, He has not changed who He is.

Psalms 103:8 - 19 – 430 years after Moses, David understood the unchangeableness of Yahweh.

Joel 2:13 – 170 years after David, Joel understood the immutability of God.

Jonah 4:2 – 50 years after Joel, Jonah understood the never-ending stability of Yahweh.

Nehemiah 9:17 and 18 – 340 years after Jonah, Nehemiah understood that his God did not change.

James 5:11 – Hundreds of years before Moses, Job understood the unchanging characteristics of Yahweh.

Yahweh is my fortress - Psalm 91:1ff – We live in a fallen world with Satan as the god of this age; therefore, we are under attack continually. Ephesians tells us “to put on the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.”

Yahweh is my deliverer – The manner in which Yahweh brings deliverance today is through Jesus Christ. Colossians 1:8-14

JESUS	GOSPEL OF JOHN
I am the bread of life	6:26-65
I am the light of the world	8:12-9:7
I am the door to the sheepfold	10:1-18
I am the good shepherd	10:1-18
I am the resurrection and the life	11:1-ff
I am the way and the truth and the life	14:1-15
I am the true vine	15:1-11

Yahweh is my refuge – He is our safe place where peace, love, and joy are found. Psalms 142:1-ff; 73:25-28; 16:11; Lamentations 3:22-25

Yahweh is the horn of my salvation – Acts 4:8-12 – No name in heaven or earth other than Jesus the Christ can bring salvation.

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