

6 | UNGODLY BELIEFS



What Does God Do with Ungodly Faith?

Mark 4: 39-41

He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.

40 He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?"

41 They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"

Mark 9:23,24, 25

If you can't?" said Jesus. "Everything is possible for one who believes."

24 Immediately the boy's father exclaimed, "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!"

25 When Jesus saw that a crowd was running to the scene, he rebuked the impure spirit. "You deaf and mute spirit," he said, "I command you, come out of him and never enter him again."

1 Tim 1:13

Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief.

Gal 5: 5

For through the Spirit we eagerly await by faith the righteousness for which we hope.

The scriptures tell us that even when we are weak and have ungodly faith, He will come to us and give His Spirit.

How can we respond when God shows us that we have ungodly faith?

Rom 12: 2

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is — his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Eph 4: 23,24

to be made new in the attitude of your minds; 24 and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

It is important that we learn to believe differently than when we were not Christians. It is important to discover how Christ's disposition grows in us. Adjust your faith to His thoughts about you. Old faith, which is not divine, you can displace with divine faith.

What is the difference between divine and ungodly faith?

- Faith is a belief or a persuasion that develops over time as we view the world from our own unique perspective. It is based not only on facts, but on what we have discovered and learned.
- Faith is a composite of what we really believe, decisions, attitudes, agreements, judgments, expectations and inner vows.
- Divine faith is in harmony with God's word, His character, and the nature of Jesus Christ.
- Undivine faith is not in harmony with God. It focuses on the experiences and beliefs that have shaped you over the years.
- Ungodly faith is something that appears to be true and based on facts you think are true, yet it is not correct if you don't base it on God's Word.

How does ungodly faith arise?

- Through painful life experiences.
- Pain makes a very strong impression on us. It leaves memories, especially when the same pain occurs repeatedly in your life. Because of this you will form thoughts that you will believe. The negative experience is a fact, but beliefs about these painful experiences are not the truth.

Example:

Your father promises to come to the ballet performance. But he forgets. That happens more often. The thought arises that says I am not important enough. From this your ungodly belief develops into the lie that you are not important to anyone.

- By reasoning with your mind, thinking naturally.
- At a very young age we learn to think and listen to logic. Our environment determines how that thinking is formed. When we enter an atheist environment for example, we are taught and learn that there is no god.
- Family inheritance:
Our family forms our belief in almost everything. What you think about people, work, government, religion and world perspective are all influenced by family.

Example 1:

the government is corrupt, you have to watch out for the police, don't trust anyone.

Example 2:

We were born poor and we will die poor. Do not bother to work hard, it is no use anyway.

- Repetition of events, cycle of expectations.

What are the consequences of ungodly faith?

- You are going to live in a cycle of wrong expectations.
- It starts with experiences that shape your faith.
- If experiences are not in harmony with God's word, character, and nature, ungodly faith arises
- This ungodly belief shapes your behavior and actions.
- The conduct and actions confirm your ungodly faith.

- Just as faith in God is very powerful, ungodly faith is very powerful in expecting negative things.
- Ungodly faith blocks your faith in God and the truth of His promises.
- The blessing of God is blocked and prevents it from entering your lives.
- It seems that I cannot experience God; He is not listening and He is far away.

How can Jesus help you change your ungodly faith?

Jesus says: I am the way, the truth and the life. If we listen to His words and learn to trust these words, we can renew our thinking. Jesus didn't just speak 2.000 years ago. He still speaks today. Jesus' words help us to align what we believe and what is in our minds with God's truth.

Steps to Recovery

1. Discover together with Jesus what ungodly faith lives in your thoughts. Look at an event, what is your feeling about this event and what are your thoughts?

Example:

With 5 people you all produce one piece of work. During the presentation it is forgotten to call your name.

feeling - left out, alone, miserable

thoughts - I'm not important

2. Write down exactly what you feel and think. This will make it very clear for you.
3. Then write the truth of God's word on these thoughts.

Example:

ungodly belief - nobody loves me

divine faith - God loves me so much that He gave Jesus (John 3:16)

4. Eph 4: 25,26 shows us that you may change your thoughts like old clothes with new clothes. You exchange the old thoughts with the new thoughts.
5. This does not happen by itself. Regular attention and repetition help to replace old thoughts with new ones.
6. Respond to similar events in the opposite mind.

Example:

thought - nobody sees me

Get in touch with others and try to give others attention. Do not put attention on yourself and your ungodly faith, but pay attention to others.



PRAYER:

Forgive me, Jesus, for allowing ungodly faith to form in me. Because of that I have not put my trust in You and Your word. Because of this I missed the purpose You give in my life. I thank you that I am forgiven and I choose to be forgiven from believing lies.

I revoke all ungodly beliefs and I break the power of these ungodly beliefs. I accept the truth from You Jesus and from Your words.
Help me, Jesus, to always replace my old thoughts with the new thoughts that You have over me.

