

Faith is blind. Faith cannot see. The only thing that guides (demonstrates) faith is obedience. Noah did not have a special, mysterious faith—he simply obeyed. Similarly with Abraham and Sarah, their lives also prove that faith is blind and carried by obedience.

John 20:24-29

Faith is belief in God's Word. God's promises are not what you see, but what you believe.

Hebrews 11:1; 2 Corinthians 4:18, Romans 1:17

Do we know the importance of studying the Word? We hide the Word in our hearts that we might not sin against Him (Psalm 119:9-11). The Word of God is given to us for guidance and instruction (2 Timothy 3:16-17). If the Word is in your heart, you will love the unloveable—even the one who tries to destroy you. Even if you are sick, your testimony must be from the Word: that you are healed.

Nehemiah 1:1-3

Despite the fact that the Jews had returned from exile and had been in Jerusalem for a few years, the walls were still in disrepair and destroyed. Nehemiah asked permission from King Artaxerxes to rebuild the walls. A spiritual parallel to our world today, the walls of holiness are being destroyed, compromised. We have no more standards for righteousness. The world is in shambles and churches as we know them are broken and limping along: weak, with no power. Jesus said we are the light of the world, but are we shining? When we go places, something should happen. The power of the Holy Spirit should convict those around us everywhere we go. We cannot do this playing around in the world.

Are we adding oil to our lamps that we may shine, or are we like the five foolish virgins? We must let the rest of the world know that there is salvation only in Jesus (Acts 4:11-12). The only government that will last is the one that will be upon His shoulders (Isaiah 9:6-7). When we go into the world, it should be as oil into water: in it, but never mixing with it. We should be as Daniel in Babylon (Daniel 6). Daniel was always different, and even as the world encircled him to destroy him, he remained committed to God.

The world has no respect for the God we serve. The wall of holiness is in shambles. The body of Christ must repair the walls, committing to a life of holiness and blind faith in God that we may be a greater witness to the world around us. Now is the time for the church to shine!