

ASPECTS OF FAITH

AS SEEN IN THE

GOSPEL OF LUKE

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I. Introductory Notes

Faith, by definition, is the willingness to believe God and do what He says without external evidence or promise. This does not mean that the external promise, etc., must be absent but if it is not there one is still willing to do what the Lord says. This character of faith is seen in the life of Abraham, later in Rahab, and in the detailed lives of all those listed in the "faith-gallery" of Hebrews 11. It is not a blind business...it has the intelligence of trust in God. It is not ignorant...it is built upon the knowledge of what the Lord has said. But it is "faith" for it acts without promise and without external support when necessary. It believes God and believes that he is the rewarder of those who seek Him.

In this light it is important to remember that "living by faith" is a matter of doing God's will. Such a life is not a mysterious or vague experience in which the participant lives by a mystical principle that defies intelligence. On the contrary, the teaching of the Scripture works on lines of intelligence and it is living in the light of such teaching that is the heart and fibre of "faith." Therefore a life of faith is an obedient life that places the integrity of the Lord and His instruction above our normal intuition and