

hears the Lord say.. "thy faith hath made thee whole." His return to give thanks, apparently before going to the priest for the certification of his health, indicated an absolute trust in Jesus that showed a soul salvation as well as a release from disease.

And in the passage in Luke 18, the blind beggar, with no assurance and no guide, simply asks for his sight when the Lord inquires as to what He might do for him. The Saviour gives him his sight and adds: "...thy faith hath saved thee."

In these accounts we receive a graphic presentation of how faith works and in seeing that for ourselves, should learn a bit of how our own lives should be appointed with faith.

2. Discussion

Faith works, so to speak, in the following ways:

- a. It makes us aware of our helplessness.

This may seem a strange place to begin but it is absolutely essential. It is by faith that a blind man, a woman with an incurable issue, etc., are willing to admit their total helplessness and turn to God for help. So long as anyone conceives of help in himself, there is merely an exhaustion of human efforts for the desired strength. Faith allows us to put aside every hoped for help and call on the Lord alone. This is what we do in salvation and if we could learn the reality of the principle in daily life as well we would be the better for it. By faith we see that the power of living is not in us but in Him. Faith, therefore, shows us our utter helplessness and it is only by faith that we are able to see it and profit thereby.