

our study for, after the pattern of James, if faith produces nothing then it must surely be "dead" and so not be faith at all. This, then, is our point in this discussion. We are interested in the end products of faith as they are seen in our lives. As we are able to identify them we are also enabled to see what we should encourage and what traits best exemplify the reality of grace and salvation.

As in our previous discussion, we are best able to see the Scriptures assigned as we move from point to point.

2. Discussion: What Does Faith PRODUCE?

a. Humility before God

Luke 7:1-10

What is marked in this passage (the healing of the centurion's servant) is the profound attitude of respect towards the Lord Jesus and honest humility before God. The man in point is a person of authority. He understands how authority operates. Therefore he does not presume to give orders or to issue commands to one whom he deems to be superior. With great concern he asks the Saviour for a "word." He knows that the word of the Lord is as good as his actual presence and that is all he requests (v. 7) This attitude commends itself to Jesus who announces (v. 9) that he has not found such faith in Israel. What makes it remarkable is that a man who has power is unwilling to flash his power. He simply stands and with honest concern asks a word from the Lord. Faith allows us to forget our boasting and our force and recognize our total dependence on God...for our actions as well as our possessions and occurrences in our lives. Without it we make swelling claims for ourselves for our own boasting is the only hope we have but with it we are enabled to depend on the Lord and to do it with total integrity. The person of faith trusts in and depends on the Lord.