Outline of
the Messages for the Full-time Training
in the Spring Term of 2007

GENERAL SUBJECT: THE BELIEVERS

Message Two

The Household of the Faith

II. We need to look away unto Jesus—the Author and Perfecter of our faith—
with undivided attention by turning away from every other object—Heb. 12:1-2; S. S. 1:4; 2 Cor. 3:16-18; Psa. 27:4:

A. Our believing is our appreciation of Christ as a reaction to His attraction
and divine infusion—Rom. 10:17; 4:16-20; Acts 7:2; 14:27; Gen. 12:1-3, 7-8;
13:14-17; 15:1-7; 17:1; ch. 18; cf. Isa. 60:1, 5.

B. Our spirit of faith is the organ we must exercise to substantiate everything of
the unseen God, transferring all that He is objectively into us to become our
subjective experience—John 4:24; Heb. 11:1, 27; 1 Pet. 1:8; 2:7; 2 Cor. 4:13:
1. Faith is in our spirit, which is mingled with the Holy Spirit, not in our mind; doubts are in our mind—cf. Heb. 4:2.

2. Our regenerated spirit, our spirit of faith, is the victory that overcomes the Satan-organized-and-usurped world—1 John 5:4, 18; John 3:6b.

C. We do not regard, look at, the things which are seen but the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal—2 Cor. 4:18; 5:7:
   1. The Christian life is a life of things unseen—Rom. 8:24-25; Heb. 11:27.
   2. The degradation of the church is the degradation from unseen things to seen things; the Lord’s recovery is to recover His church from things seen to things unseen—v. 1.

D. Faith is to believe that God is—v. 6:
   1. To believe that God is, is to believe that He is everything to us and that we are nothing—John 8:58; Eccl. 1:2.
   2. To believe that God is implies that we are not; He must be the only One, the unique One, in everything, and we must be nothing in everything—Heb. 11:5; Gen. 5:22-24.
   3. To believe that God is, is to deny our self; in the whole universe He is, and all of us are nothing—Luke 9:23.
   4. Prayer is the real denial of the self so that Christ may be our replacement and become everything to us; to pray means: No longer I, but Christ—Gal. 2:20; Mark 9:7-8; cf. Acts 9:4-5, 11; 13:9a.
   5. This is faith—“O the joy of having nothing and being nothing, seeing nothing but a living Christ in glory, and being careful for nothing but His interests down here”—J. N. Darby.

E. Faith comes out of the hearing of the word; when we come to the living Word (Christ) in the written word (the Bible), He becomes the applied word (the Spirit) of faith to us—Rom. 10:8, 17; John 6:63; Gal. 3:2; cf. Heb. 3:12.

F. Faith operates through love; the hearing of faith awakens our loving appreciation, and the more we love the Lord, the more faith operates to bring us into the riches, the profit, of the all-inclusive Spirit—Gal. 5:6; Mark 12:30.

G. Faith is the subjective God applied to our being; thus, just as nothing is impossible to God, nothing is impossible to faith—Matt. 17:20; 19:26.

H. We all have the same faith in quality, but the quantity of faith we have depends upon how much we contact the living God so that we may have Him increased in us—Rom. 12:3; Acts 6:5; Col. 2:19:
   1. Faith in the progressing stage comes through our contacting the Triune God, who is faith in us—Heb. 4:16; 1 Thes. 5:16-19.
   2. The way to receive such a faith is to contact its source, the Lord, the processed and consummated God, by calling on Him, praying to Him, and praying reading His word—Rom. 10:12; 2 Tim. 2:22; Eph. 6:17-18; cf. Heb. 4:2.
   3. When we contact Him, He is overflowing within us, and there is a mutuality of faith among us; we are encouraged through the faith which is in one another—Rom. 1:12; Philem. 6-7.

I. The great, irrepressible, and unlimited power of faith motivates thousands to suffer for the Lord, risk their lives, and become overcoming sent ones and martyrs for the carrying out of God’s eternal economy, which is in faith—Luke 18:8; Phil. 2:20; Rom. 16:3-4; Acts 20:24; 1 Tim. 1:4.

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