

FAITH IS LIKEN TO ...

You're in your car driving around town doing some shopping or visiting friends ... whatever. You decide it's time to leave so you start to go home and think to yourself, "I'm hungry." You decide to stop by your favorite fast food restaurant and get a double-cheeseburger with fries and a beverage.

You go in and approach the counter and the waiter asks "Welcome. What can I provide for you?"

"Well, I would like the double-cheeseburger combo, please." you answer.

"Very well, that'll be \$5.00, sir." answers the waiter.

You pull out a \$5.00 bill and give it to him for your order.

"Please rest a minute and that order will be right out," says the waiter.

That is how faith works.

That \$5.00 is like Faith in that it—the \$5 bill—is the substance of the thing you hope for. You hope to have the double-cheeseburger combo, and that \$5.00 bill represents it. You don't have the combo yet, but you know that that combo is yours. You know that that combo will soon manifest itself to you and you will be able to enjoy the fruit of your asking.... yum!

That \$5.00 bill is the evidence that the double-cheeseburger combo is yours. You know that you know, that soon and very soon, you're going to be enjoying that which that \$5.00 bill purchased. The order is in; the order is paid for; the order must be finalized by me having it in my grubby little hands!

That \$5.00 bill is the exchange unit here in the natural; likewise, your FAITH is the exchange unit in the spiritual.

You obtained \$5.00 through your labor... paycheck comes by the working of your hands. Want more money, more labor is required.

Faith comes by the avenue of your hearing God's Word. Want more faith? More hearing is required. (Romans 10:17)

You find something in the Word that you desire (*hmmm, I'm hungry*). You go to the "waiter" - the Stand-by, the One waiting on your order - and give to Him your desire and give Him the mode of exchange - your faith for it.

Now, you patiently wait for the reward, the fruit of, the return of, the manifestation of your faith — the promise of that Word. (Hebrews 6:12 & 15)

Your \$5.00 bill is just providing the answer to your double-cheeseburger combo, but it is also the evidence of payment received for that order.

Like manner, your faith isn't just providing the answer to your need, it is also (because it is LAW - that is, God said it, therefore it is 'cause God cannot lie) - it is also the evidence that you have that promise that you believed (paid) for. (Hebrews 11:1; Titus 1:2)

Eventually, you receive your double-cheeseburger combo and no longer have need of your \$5.00 bill for that particular want. The transaction is complete.

Likewise, eventually you receive your promise (answer to your need) and now you no longer have need of your faith for that particular need. (Romans 8:24 & 25)

ALL the promises of God are YES and AMEN. (2 Corinthians 1:20). God's side, the provider, says YES to whatever promise you ask for. Your job is to pay for it by your faith, thereby saying, AMEN - so be it. Like Mary who was told she was to have a baby and replied, "Be it done unto me as you have said." (Luke 1:28)

AMEN, in other words, so be it... let it be even as You have said. I agree with the promise and that promise starts to work its way to me. If it takes all the cooks (angels) in heaven to get it to me, so be it. They (the cooks - angels) hearken to the voice of His Word (Psalm 103:20) and they being sent (Hebrews 1:14) to minister for me (in my behalf) will get the reward of my faith to me.

Faith. Cannot receive the New Birth without it. Cannot walk without it. Cannot see without it. Cannot please God without it, and you cannot receive the promised selection (your hope) without it.

Your faith gives substance to the things you hope for, and your faith provides the evidence that that which you hoped for (the promise) is yours even though you may not (in the natural) have it in your grubby little hands!

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