

O YE OF LITTLE FAITH?

Matthew 6:25-30; 8:26

Matthew 14:31; 16:8

INTRODUCTION: Four times Jesus rebuked one or more of his disciples because of their LITTLE FAITH.

The degree of faith with which God is pleased is that measure of faith that: Frees us from excess worry.

Moves us to have complete trust in him.

Moves us in obedience to his word.

Let us consider:

ANXIETY OVER MATERIAL THINGS IS LITTLE FAITH.

1. Jesus' sermon on the mount. Matthew 6:25-30

1. Consider what Jesus does for the Fowls of the air.

1. They do not sow, reap nor gather, yet God feeds them. Are you not greater? Verse 26

2. Consider what Jesus does for the lillies of the field and the grass of the field. Verses 28-30.

2. Since God looks after all these, and you are greater than all these, shall he not much more look after you? O YE OF LITTLE FAITH?

FEAR OF THE FUTURE IS LITTLE FAITH. Matthew 8:18-27

1. The disciples and Jesus entered the boat, the storm arose, the disciples were frightened and said, "Lord, save us: we perish." Verses 23-25

1. Jesus arose and rebuked the storm saying to the disciples, "O ye of little faith." Why are ye fearful. Verse 26

DOUBTING THE WORD OF THE LORD IS LITTLE FAITH. Matt. 14:22f

1. Jesus had gone into the mountain apart to pray. The disciples were in a boat going to the other side. A storm arose. In the midst of the storm they saw what they described as a ghost. It was Jesus walking on the water. Have a look at Peter:

1. Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water? Verse 28 Peter started, began to sink, Jesus said, "O thou ~~of~~ little faith, wherefore dist thou doubt?"

INDIFFERENCE TO THE PRESENTATION OF THE TRUTH IS LITTLE FAITH.

1. Many are asleep Rom. 13:11; many do not understand what the will of the Lord is, Eph. 5:17.

Matt. 8:10

2. Jesus commended "Great Faith" only twice in Gentiles.

Matt. 15:28

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