

MORONI'S GREAT ROLL CALL OF FAITH

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1. Some scriptural definitions of Faith:

- A. "Faith is things which are hoped for and not seen." [Eth. 12:6]
- B. "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." [Heb. 11:1]

2. Other insights on the nature of faith:

A. *Needed to please God, and to make one a recipient of many of His blessings:* "Without faith it is impossible to please him [God]: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." [Heb. 11:6]

B. *Faith is the precursor of knowledge:* "He had faith no longer, for he knew, nothing doubting. [Eth. 3:19]

C. *Faith, along with priesthood, is the path through which one "taps" God's power:* [Jesus, to his apostles who were unable to cast out an evil spirit]: "If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible to you. [Mt. 17:20.] (See *Hel. 10:4-11; Moses 7:13; Eth. 12:30; Jac. 4:6; 1 Cor. 13:2.* See on *mustard seeds: Mt. 13:31-32.*)

D. *All things are possible to those who have faith, linked with belief.* [Jesus, to the father of a son possessed by demons]: "If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth." And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief." [Mk. 9:23-24]

E. *One must nourish the seed of faith to make it grow within himself, so he can reap the rich rewards it brings:* "And because of your diligence and your faith and your patience with the word in nourishing it, that it may take root in you, behold, by and by ye shall pluck the fruit thereof, which is most precious, which is sweet above all that is sweet . . ." [Al. 32:40-43].

F. *One must ask according to God's will when seeking the blessings of faith:* "The Lord is able to do all things *according to his will*, for the children of men, if it so be that they exercise faith in him. Wherefore, let us be faithful unto him." [1 Ne. 7:12] "Whatsoever thing ye shall ask the Father in my name, *which is good, in faith believing that ye shall receive*, behold, it shall be done unto you." [Moro. 7:26] "If ye will have faith in me ye shall have power to do *whatsoever thing is expedient in me.*" [Moro. 7:33]

G. *Faith leads to baptism; it is through baptism that one begins to reach the higher levels of God's promised blessings:* "Ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. . . and are heirs according to the promise." [Gal. 3:26-29]

3. The Lord commends those who have faith:

A. **The Brother of Jared**, when he was shown the finger of the Lord: "Because of thy faith thou hast seen . . . , and never has man come before me with such exceeding faith as thou hast; for were it not so ye could not have seen" [Eth. 3:9]

B. A **Roman Centurion**, *who sought that his servant be healed*: “I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.” [Mt. 8:10]

C. A **woman with an issue of blood for 12 years**: “Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole.” [Mt. 9:22]

D. **Two blind men**: “Believe ye that I am able to do this? . . . According to your faith be it unto you.” [Mt. 9:27-31]

E. A **Canaanite woman**, *who sought that her daughter be healed*: “O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. [Mt. 15:28].

4. **Moroni’s great Roll Call of the Faithful**: [Eth. 12:6-41] **12 Examples of great faith**:

A. [vv. 7-8] **The people of Bountiful, following the Lord’s resurrection**. [3 Ne. 11-26] (*When? Not* right after the storm at the time of the Savior’s death: 34th year, 1st month, 4th day [3 Ne. 8:5]; *His appearances were almost a year later, at the ending of the 34th year* [3 Ne. 10:18]. *Day 1*: [3 Ne. 11-18]; *Day 2*: [3 Ne. 19-26:15]; *Day 3*: not recorded. **“The Lord truly did teach the people, for the space of three days; and after that he did show himself unto them oft, . . .”** [3 Ne. 26:13]. *Later appearance to the apostles*: [3 Ne. 27-28:12]. **Read 3 Ne. 19:35-36.**

B. [v. 10] **They of old were called to the holy order of God**, both in the pre-mortal life and here on earth. [Al. 13:1-12]. **Read Al. 13:3-4.**

C. [vv. 11-12] **The Law of Moses was given to the children of Israel**. [Ex. 19:1-32:16, etc.] **Read Jac. 4:5-6.**

D. [v. 13] **Alma and Amulek released from prison**. [Al. 14:1-29] **Read Al. 14:26-28.**

E. [v.14] **Nephi and Lehi convert 300 in a Lamanite prison**. [Hel. 5:14-52] **Read Hel. 5:43-49.**

F. [vv. 15-16] **Ammon and his brethren [the four sons of King Mosiah] convert King Lamoni and also his Father, King of all the land**. [Al. 17-26] **Read Al. 18:24-35, Al. 22:7-18.**

G. [v. 17] **The three disciples promised they would not taste death**. [3 Ne. 28:1-32, 36-40; 4 Ne. 1:14, 37; Mor. 8:10-12]. **Read 3 Ne. 28:6-13.** (See *Jn. 22:21-23; Lk. 9:27.* Also see *2 Cor. 12:2-4.*)

H. [v. 19] **Those who saw Christ before his mortal birth**. *See last week’s outline: Ether2.*

I. [vv. 20-21] **The Brother of Jared saw the Lord**. **Read Eth. 12:20-21.**

J. [v. 22] **Enos [my fathers] obtained the promise that the Book of Mormon would come forth to the Lamanites through the Gentiles in the last days**. **Read Enos 1:1-8, 15-16.**

K. [v. 30] **The brother of Jared moved the mountain Zerin**. **Read Eth. 12:29-30.**

L. [v. 31] **Christ’s disciples in the Americas**. [3 Ne. 27:1-28:12] **Read 3 Ne. 27:13-21.**

5. **The relationship between faith and hope**:

A. Hope is the inevitable result of faith. [Moro. 7:40, 42]

B. “What is it ye shall hope for?” To be raised unto life eternal, through the atonement of Christ and the power of his resurrection. [Moro. 7:41]

C. “Wherefore, if a man have faith he must needs have hope; for without faith there cannot be any hope.” [Moro. 7:42]

6. **A parallel: Paul's Roll Call of Faith.** Read and study **Hebrews 11:1-40** concerning: the creation, Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Sara, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Rahab, Gideon, Jephthah, David, Samuel, and the martyred prophets.

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