"Now faith is the assurance (title deed, confirmation) of things hoped for (divinely guaranteed), and the evidence of things not yet seen.

For by this kind of faith the men of old gained [divine] approval."

Hebrews 11:1-2

INTRO

Faith is quite a big and personal subject. We're addressing it because it is a foundational key to being a prophetic warrior, for 'doing the greater works', and for fulfilling our own book of destiny written in Heaven. There are two great sources of deeper understanding of the mysteries of faith. They are found in Hebrews chapter 11 and James chapter 2. Let's look at what we can learn about being perfected in faith.

Faith is Activated thru Works.

"So too, faith, if it does not have works [to back it up], is by itself dead [inoperative and ineffective]. But someone may say, "You [claim to] have faith and I have [good] works; show me your [alleged] faith without the works [if you can], and I will show you my faith by my works [that is, by what I do]....that faith without [good] works is useless." James 2:17-18, 20. AMP

Just as we must "wage war with prophecies" to bring them to fruition, so must faith be activated by Holy Spirit-led action.

These are Works from the Heart.

The kind of works that alchemize faith are not duties, but devotional. They are acts of love.

"Was our father Abraham not [shown to be] justified by works [of obedience which expressed his faith] when he offered Isaac his son on the altar [as a sacrifice to God]? You see that [his] faith was working together with his works, and as a result of the works, his faith was completed [reaching its maturity when he expressed his faith through obedience]." James 2:21-22. AMP

'Good works' is from 'mitzvah' (plural is 'mitsvot') which includes acts of lovingkindness, fulfilling the Law (Commandments), charitable giving beyond the tithe, *going beyond what is required by God*. It is evidence that you have been made righteous by faith. (Genesis 15:6)¹

Greater Faith Comes from a Deeper Relationship with God.

"And the Scripture was fulfilled saying, 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as acts of lovingkindness and he was called a friend of God.' You must now see that a person is made righteous by means of works and not only by faith." James 2:23-24 ONM

¹ See One New Man Bible Glossary, 2020.

"And may the Lord cause you to increase and excel and overflow in love for one another, and for all people, just as we also do for you; so that He may strengthen and establish your hearts without blame in holiness in the sight of our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints (God's people)."

1 Thessalonians 3:12

In Hebrew, the word for lovingkindness is *chesed*. It has a rich meaning that we do not have in English. It conveys devotion, mercy, kindness, tender mercies, faithfulness — a genuine engagement from the giver to the receiver. *Chesed* is found in Psalm 136:1 which says: "O give thanks to the Lord! For He is good, for His lovingkindness endures forever!" This conveys that we and Abba Father are both capable of *chesed*. It is a secret ingredient to greater faith!

To Walk in the Good Works.

We become perfected in faith so that we can walk in the good works, according to Ephesians 2:10.

"For we are His workmanship, as we have been created in Messiah Y'shua for good works, which God prepared beforehand, so that we would walk in them, **the good works**." ONM

Faith is Trust. Trust is the Foundation of Covenant Relationship with God the Father.

In the Hebrew translated One New Man bible, the word *faith* is often translated as *trust*. This is especially true in the "Faith Chapter" in the New Testament, Hebrews chapter 11. Trust is the foundation of any healthy relationship. If there is no trust, the relationship is shallow or kept at a distance or even dysfunctional. It is not a deep, rich, high-functioning relationship.

To be in a true Covenant relationship with the Lord God Most High, we must trust Him.

THIS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT REASON TO BE PERFECTED IN FAITH.

"Abram (Abraham) **believed** (יְהֹוָה Aman) יְהֹוָה YHVH and it was credited to him as Righteousness." Genesis 15:6 (also found in Romans 4:3 & 4:20)

The Hebrew word for trust in this passage is aman, from whence we derive Amen. Note that righteousness comes from trusting in God. One New Man replaces *righteousness* with *lovingkindness*.

Summary: Why to Be Perfected in Faith.

- ◆ Faith is a pathway to greater spiritual maturity which has no bounds.
- ♦ So that we can walk and fulfill the greater works.
- ◆ To deepen our Covenant relationship with God the Father, Abba.

Courts of Heaven Protocol to Be Perfected in Faith.

This is constructed as a protocol going before God in the Courts of Heaven. We renounce, repent and plead guilty for all transgressions and then ask God to pass judgements on our behalf.

NOTE: Before you go into the Courts of Heaven, take the time to identify your petitions and purposes, what remedies you are seeking, what in your life and family lineage requires repentance in order to be perfected in faith. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you these things before you go in to the Courts of Heaven. Often times, when you are in the Courts of Heaven, the Holy Spirit will bring other things to mind for which to repent.

1. Opening Protocol in the Courts of Heaven.

Adonai, I come before Your Supreme Court and ask that the courts be seated and the books be open, according to Daniel 7:10. I put on robes of righteousness as an officer in Your court and loose the Blood of Jesus over myself so that satan and his minions have no access to me. I ask for the Holy Spirit and the Lord Jesus Christ Y'Shua to be my Holy Advocates to represent me in Your court. I give them full permission to speak on my behalf.

I ask Lord God that You release Your Notification Angels, Enforcement Angels and Hosts of Heaven to all those humans and non-humans who will be affected by Your Court decisions, to duly and immediately inform them of and enforce all of Your decisions and judgements in my case today.

2. Renounce & Repent to Remove All Legal Access.

Father God so that I may become the righteousness of God according to 2 Corinthians 5:21, I repent on behalf of myself and all of my bloodlines back to Adam and Eve, for allowing my own actions, habits, beliefs, character, heart and mind to block and compromise being perfected in faith.

I Repent of & Renounce All False Beliefs.

I repent, turn away from, release and renounce all false beliefs, understandings and programming about what is 'faith' and that block or compromise my ability to be perfected in faith. This includes holding 'faith' as a construct in my mind, an outer show of religious virtue, a mental belief or ability like 'mind over matter', or proving through activities rather than heart-based giving.

I Repent of Legalism & Leaven that Blocks True Faith.

I repent of all legalism that has kept me from being perfected in faith. As Galatians 5:4-6 says: "You, who are made righteous by legalism, have been separated from Messiah, you have fallen away from grace. For we are eagerly awaiting, in the Spirt, the hope of righteousness by faith. For in Messiah Yeshua neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any strength, but faith working through love." I repent for not allowing faith to work through love, the love that Jesus Yeshua demonstrated in His life on earth. I repent and release hard-heartedness, cold-heartedness, bitterness, bad memories and past experiences, defensiveness, and unforgiveness, that have blocked me from allowing faith to work through love.

I repent of all leaven that has kept me from being perfected in faith, including listening to gossip and slander; believing negative talk or negative self-talk about myself; all persons and parties that "kept me

from obeying the truth" according to Galatians 5:7; religiosity that has made me feel or believe I am insignificant and not cherished and important to YOU, Abba Father.

I Repent for Believing Faith is Static.

I repent and release all false, limiting beliefs that faith is simply one step or phase, that faith is simply or exclusively accepting Messiah Jesus as savior and then moving on with life. I now realize that faith is the power behind growing spiritually, going from milk to meat; it is the power within the capacity to do the 'greater works' that Messiah Jesus spoke of; it is the seed of activating resurrection power in myself and for others. Messiah Jesus demonstrated and released this advanced expression of faith when He raised others from the dead and healed the sick.

I now realize that when I limit faith and my capacity to embody faith, I am limiting what God has created me to be. I am here to do the greater works, and this requires a greater, more advanced faith.

I Repent for Allowing Programs to Limit My Faith.

Father God, I repent, turn away from, release and renounce all beliefs and programs that I have been filled with, operated in, that have put limitations on what You are capable of and what I am capable of in Messiah Jesus. I reject these lies and I forbid them from taking hold in me ever again!

I Repent for Having a Constricted Heart.

Father God, I repent for all the times and ways I have been cold-hearted, hard-hearted, untrusting in Your provision and therefore stingy with others. I now realize that the key to deepening faith and the flow of faith is an open, loving and giving heart; and the willingness to be truly intimate through vulnerability with You Abba. I renounce all programs that have taught me that giving is a religious duty rather than acts of lovingkindness. I want to be like a child, pure of heart, to enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

"Trust in and rely confidently on the Lord with all your heart and do not rely on your own insight or understanding." Psalm 3:5

3. Plead Guilty.

Father God, for everything I have repented and renounced here, I plead guilty on behalf of myself, all of my bloodline and America. I present the Blood of the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ Yeshua as atonement. I present the Voice of the Blood of Jesus which speaks "Tetelestai", "paid in full" to clear these transgressions from my record and that of my entire lineage and my future bloodlines. Father God, I ask for redemption from the curse, by the Blood of Jesus and ask You to break all curses and all other related demonic spirits, systems and agendas over me and my bloodlines. Let the Blood of Jesus break all of these curses now!

4. Cleanse, Clear & Release.

Adonai, I ask that Your Holy Spirit fill me to overflowing to purify and cleanse my body, brain, mind, heart, soul and spirit, and everything in me that has blocked being perfected in faith, especially unforgiveness. Father God, I release ALL unforgiveness now, including towards others, towards myself and towards You.

Erase all doubt, cynicism, anxiety, fear, sense of limitation from the chambers of my mind. Cleanse my heart, mind, soul and body of all trauma and programs incurred. Place your healing balm of Gilead into all of my places of stored habits, filters, traumas, injuries, beliefs, memories and imprints to clear them out now.

~ Pause in Silence to Receive God's Healing ~

5. Plead the Case to Be Perfected in Faith.

Father God, Your Word is a roadmap to become perfected in faith. As such, I present the following scriptures to speak for me and to ask for Your support in my journey to become Perfected in Faith.

Being Perfected in Faith is My Destiny.²

- "By trusting we understand that the worlds were created by a spoken Word of God, so that what is seen has not come out of things which were visible." Hebrews 11:3 ONM
 - Father God, put Your Word in my heart as the source of all my spoken words, that they are manifestations of Your perfect will creation.
- "By trusting, Abel, contrary to Cain, bore a better offering to God, through which he was testified to be righteous, when God witnessed his gifts, and through it he is still speaking, although he died."

 Hebrews 11:4
 - Father God, guide my heart to always give to You and others from my heart, to give in ways that will speak of Your Heart even after I have left this mortal coil.
- By trusting, Enoch was transferred so that he did not see death; and he was not found because God had translated him. For before his translation, he had been attested to be pleasing to God."
 Hebrews 11:5
 - Father God, I want to have the kind of intimate relationship with you that Enoch had. Please draw me to You. Remove from me anything that is blocking this intimacy.
- "By trusting, Noah, when he was warned about things not yet seen, in reverence prepared an ark for the salvation of his household, through which he condemned the world, and he became an heir of righteousness according to his trust." Hebrews 11:7
 - Father God, help me to be a true heir of righteousness. Help me to have the trust of Noah, against all opposition, ridicule and rejection, to fulfill Your word for me and my life.

² The One New Man bible uses the word 'trust' instead of 'faith', based on Hebrew scholars' input in this translation. These Hebrews verses are from ONM.

- "By trusting, Abraham, when he was called, obeyed to come out to a place which he was going to take as an inheritance; and he came out not knowing where he was going." Hebrews 11:8
 - Father God, help me to surrender to the mystery, the unknown in You, to come out of operating in my head, and to truly trust in You without having all the answers beforehand.
- "By trusting also Sarah, herself barren, took power for conception from Abraham's seed, even past the normal age. Because of trust, she considered what was promised [to be reliable and true]."

 Hebrews 11:11
 - Father God, I put my trust in Your 'impossibles' to allow Your mystery, majesty and delight into all areas of my life!

True Faith Operates from Spirit, not the Mind.

- Galatians 4:6 proclaims: "And because you are sons, God sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying Abba Father."
- 1 Corinthians 2:5 instructs: "So that your faith would not rest on the wisdom and rhetoric of men, but on the power of God."
- Father God, deliver my mind and soul from counterfeit spirits and voices, that I may truly and always hear and be one with the Spirit of Truth.

I Am His Workmanship.

- Ephesians 2:10 says: "For we are His workmanship, as we have been created in Messiah Y'shua for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them, the good works."
- Father God, I open my heart to You to be and express pure agape love. Help me to be truly charitable in a deeper quality of heart, to go beyond what is required to what is desired, to be made righteous by faith.
- Abba Father, I want to do the greater works that Jesus Yeshua spoke of. Help me to do them!

The Author of My Faith is Jesus Yeshua.

- Hebrews 12:2 instructs: "focusing our eyes on the Author and Finisher of faith, Yeshua, who, to obtain the joy set before Him, endured the cross, having despised the shame of it He sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."
- Father God, let me not focus on shame inflicted by this fallen world, but set my eyes upon my model for perfected faith, King Jesus Yeshua. Help me to shake off any stumbling blocks to trusting in You, and keep my eyes on the prize!

The Shield of Faith.

- Ephesians 6:16 directs: "In all things having taken up the long shield of faith, with which you have been enabled to extinguish all the burning arrows of the evil one."
- Psalm 91:4 "His arms of faithfulness are a shield keeping you from harm." TPT
- Father God, wrap me in Your arms of faithfulness, that I know I am home in You. I now see that faithfulness is a sign of the lovingkindness of God.

6. Petitions.

Therefore Adonai, Just Judge, I am requesting from Your Supreme Court the following:

- > Grant me these petitions I have placed before You here.
- > Nullify any and all contracts, covenants, agreements, relationships, hooks, cords to anything or anyone that has or would block my being perfected in faith. I reject them. I forbid them and no longer have any place for them in my life!
- > Bring me supports, supernatural and in the natural, to walk perfected in faith.
- > Restore to me 7-fold everything that lying parties have stolen from me and my bloodlines by robbing faith through fear, anxiety, trauma and loss, according to Your Word in Proverbs 6:30.

7. Thanks and Gratitude

Let this be dedicated time to thank the Lord after all of your petitions. You may want to add blowing a shofar, playing or singing praise music, or other ways that you express thanks and praise.

- Thank you for Your Justice, Mercy and Love!
- Thank you God for granting all of my petitions!
- To You alone be all the glory in Heaven and upon the Earth forever and ever! AMEN!!!

Bible Versions:

AMP = Amplified
ONM = One New Man
TPT = The Passion Translation

"For you are a holy people to the Lord your God; the Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for His own possession out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth."

Deuteronomy 7:6