

Your Faith Stimulant for This Month

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found, and I did eat them; and Thy word was unto me the JOY AND REJOICING OF MINE HEART." (Jeremiah 15:16).

Real, vital, living faith always rejoices over the promised answer even while it is yet unmanifested.

Every person seeking healing can be brought to a place of absolute certainty regarding his healing even before it is yet manifested, by merely hearing enough of the Truth which promises healing. "Faith (for healing) cometh by hearing (that part of) . . . the Word of God (which promises healing)" (Romans 10:17).

Every person who becomes positively sure from the Word of promise that God is willing and ready to heal him always becomes intensely joyful and happy about his or her healing even before it is manifested.

Abraham "gave glory to God", for a promised, but unmanifested blessing, for over twenty years while symptoms were growing worse every day; he and Sarah were both becoming older and older. He could do this only because he "was fully persuaded that what God had promised, He was able also to perform it". He was steadfast in his faith, that he would become the "father of many nations" in the very face of contrary evidence and increasingly worse symptoms. His secret was that "he considered NOT

"Abraham staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, GIVING GLORY TO GOD" (Romans 4:20).

"Thy testimonies have I taken as an HERITAGE forever: for they are the REJOICING OF MY HEART" (Psalm 119:111).

"Thy words were

his body" which was as good as dead, but he DID consider that God would do as He had promised. He therefore "gave glory to God".

For Abraham to be happy over a family and for him to confess that he was already "Abraham" (father of multitudes), years before Sarah, his wife, had even conceived, was not irrational; it only proved that He believed God's promise.

This was the same as for a prisoner, holding in his hand a pardon granting release next month to rejoice over the fact that he will be free, even while he is yet in prison. This is not irrational; it only proves that he believes the pardon.

Suppose a poor hungry man with ragged clothes fell heir to \$10,000.00 from his rich uncle's will. It would not be irrational for the poor man to rejoice over the fact that he was rich even while he was yet hungry and raggedly clothed. It would only prove that he believed the will.

For a christian who is suffering with some sickness to rejoice over the fact that "with whose stripes YE are healed", and believe the healing is already his, even while he still feels sick, is not irrational; it only proves that he believes the Word of God.

The prisoner does not examine the prison walls to see if his release has been granted. HE EXAMINES THE PARDON, which promises his release. By watching the pardon, his rejoicing begins even before his release is manifested.

The poor man does not examine his empty pocket-book to see if he has become rich. HE EXAMINES THE WILL, which promises the riches. By watching the will, his rejoicing begins even before his wealth is manifested.

The sick person does not examine his

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body, his pains, or his symptoms of disease to see if he has been healed. HE EXAMINES THE WORD, which promises healing. By watching the word, his rejoicing begins even before his healing is manifested.

That is what Abraham did. He "considered NOT his body", but he DID CONSIDER THE WORD which promised him a family. And that is why he occupied all his time "giving glory to God" for the promise; not complaining about his increasingly worse symptoms.

Bible believing is acting on our legal rights as a child of God, just as the slaves of the south acted on their freedom granted them by Abraham Lincoln's noted Emancipation Proclamation.

God says in your Emancipation Proclamation that "With His stripes Ye are healed".

You are to believe this, act on this, and say this, just as the poor man would say, even while he is still hungry and ragged, "By my rich uncle's will, I AM rich; my poverty is healed".

The fact that he is already rich can soon change his hungry and shabby clothes; while his hunger and shabby clothes can never change the fact that he is rich.

Believing demands action. Believing is action.

Abandon yourself to the Lordship of God's Word, ACT ON IT, and God will become real to you.

Make a daily practice of ignoring (considering not) your symptoms which contradict God's Word; obey Solomon's orders of "attending to God's sayings", and you will find, as Solomon promises, that God's Word, when attended to, becomes "life and health to all your flesh". (Prov. 4:22).

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