

## “The Challenge of the Faith of a Sparrow”

**TEXT:** Psalms 84:3 “Yea, the sparrow hath found an house, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, even thine altars, O LORD of hosts, my King, and my God”.

Psalms 102:7 “I watch, and am as a sparrow alone upon the house top”.

Matthew 10:29 “Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father”.

Matthew 10:31 “Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows”.

Luke 12:6 “Are not five sparrows sold for two farthings, and not one of them is forgotten before God”?

Luke 12:7 “But even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not therefore: ye are of more value than many sparrows”.

**INTRODUCTION:** sparrow , sparrow hawk, chipping sparrow, English sparrow, house sparrow, song sparrow, tree sparrow, white-crowned sparrow, white-throated sparrow.

### I. SPARROW FAITH IS TRIED.

Luke 12:7 “But even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not therefore: ye are of more value than many sparrows”.

### II. NO FAITH IS TRIED.

Mark 4:40 “And he said unto them, Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith?

Mark 4:39-41 (in Context) Mark 4 (Whole Chapter)

### III. LITTLE FAITH IS TRIED.

Matthew 16:8 “Which when Jesus perceived, he said unto them, O ye of little faith, why reason ye among yourselves, because ye have brought no bread”?

Matthew 16:7-9 (in Context) Matthew 16 (Whole Chapter)

### IV. GREAT FAITH IS TRIED.

Matthew 15:28 Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt.

And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.

- A. He was tried by a Portion of the Kings meat.
- B. He was tried by the Politicians
- C. He was tried by popularity.
- D. He was tried by his prayer life.
- E. He was tried by placing him in the den of lions.

1. A man Greatly Beloved *Daniel 10:11* "O Daniel, a man greatly beloved" the words of the angel when he spoke in the ears of Daniel

- a. A Man of Purpose
- b. A Man of Prayer
- c. A Man of Praise

Daniel gave praise to God , and was careful to give Him all the glory.

*Daniel 2:23* "I Thank thee, and praise thee, O thou God of my fathers, who has given me wisdom and might, and hast made known unto me now what we desired of thee: for thou hast now made known unto us the king's matter"

### IV. SO GREAT FAITH IS TRIED.

Matthew 8:10 "When Jesus heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel".

#### **V. FULL OF FAITH IS TRIED.**

Acts 6:8 And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people.

#### **VI. GIFTS AND FRUIT FAITH IS TRIED.**

1 Corinthians 12:9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, Galatians 5:22 (Whole Chapter) "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,"

#### **VII. WHEN YOUR FAITH IS TRIED.**

*Hebrews 11:1* "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For by it the elders obtained a good report, {received witness}. Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear."

*Before the beginning God, and out of God came the beginning."*

"God" Elohim the first of the names of Deity, is a plural noun in form but in singular in meaning when it refers to the true God. The plural form of the word suggests the Trinity.

#### **A. Your Faith Has Four Parts.**

**1. Knowledge:** "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." *Romans 10:17*

**2. Belief:** "But without faith it is impossible to please him; for he that cometh to God must believe that he is and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." *Hebrews 11:6.*

**3. Trust:** "Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him; (defend) maintain mine own ways before him" *Job 13:15.*

##### **A. Job's Three great problems**

1). The invisible God-"Oh, that I knew where I might find Him!" (23:3). Answered by the Incarnation of Christ;

2). Human sin- "How can a man be justified with God? (9:2;25:4). Answered by the death of Christ;

3). Death and immortality-- "If a man die, shall he live again?"(14:14). Answered by the resurrection of Christ.

**4. Action:** "Even so faith if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works; show me thy faith without thy works, and I will show thee my faith by my works" *James 2:17 and 18; {Receive}*

*"The will of God will never lead you where the Grace of God can not keep you"*

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