

I believe God

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Introduction

1. Text Acts 27:25
2. There is a tendency on man's part to underestimate the power of God.
3. There is a tendency on man's part to underestimate the power of God's word!
 - a. Naaman wanted a miracle performed. II Kings 5
 - b. The rich man wanted Lazarus sent back to earth. Luke 16:28-31
 - c. The Gospel was a stumbling block to the Jew and foolishness to the Gentiles 1 Corinthians 1:20-23
4. We need faith today like Paul had in the promises of God.
 - a. Notice the voyage. Acts 27:1-12
 - b. Notice the storm, Acts 27:13-24
5. Notice what meant by the statement "I believe God."

II Discussion

- A. "I believe God with regard to remission of sins."
 1. Remission of sins is connected with preaching. Luke 24:46-47
 - a. God's plan involves preaching. 1 Corinthians 1:21
 - b. Jesus commanded to go preach Mark 16:15-16
 - c. Acts relates the faithfulness of that being done. Acts 8:4
 2. Remission of sins involves faith in Christ. Acts 10:43
 3. Remission of sins involves repentance. Acts 2:38
 - a. Repentance precedes a "blotting out." Acts 3:19
 - b. Men must believe what God said about repentance.
 4. Remission of sins is connected with baptism Acts 2:38
 - a. Baptism stood between Saul and having his sins "washed away." Acts 22:16
 - b. The Corinthians heard, believed and consequently were baptized. Acts 18:8
 5. This means that God will not remember our sins any more. Heb 8:12
 6. Do we believe this?
- B. "I Believe God when He requires faithfulness"
 1. What do we mean by faithfulness?
 2. "Take heed lest you fall." 1 Corinthians 10:12
 - a. Israelites had equal beginning, provisions, temptations and trials.
 - b. Some fell.
 3. Two examples of sinful Christians
 - a. Ananias Acts 5
 - b. Simon Acts 8
 4. If a brother errs James 5:19-20
 - a. This shows the possibility of a brother erring
 - b. The erring need converting.
 - c. If one fails to convert him then death.
- C. "I believe God" when he promises Heaven to the faithful.
 1. We must add the graces to our lives. 2 Peter 1:5-11

2. A Christian can do these things, God never required the impossible.
 3. In all these areas a Christian must grow and develop.
 4. If we do these things then we have an abundant entrance 2 Peter 1:11
- D. "I Believe God" when promises that Jesus will come again.
1. God is not slack concerning His promise about His coming. 2 Peter 3:9
 2. Jesus will come again. Acts 1:11
 3. God has appointed a time when judgement will take place. Acts 17:30-31

III Conclusion

1. God did what He told Paul He would do
2. Men must and need to believe God now!
3. Hebrews 11:6
4. 2 Corinthians 5:7
5. Come now

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