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**MAY 16, 2010 SICK**

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**AM SERMON - BEN WRIGHT - DO WE BELIEVE THAT GOD IS?**

**PM - SINGING AND FELLOWSHIP NIGHT**

**VBS IS JUNE 6-10 - BEGIN INVITING OTHERS AND PRAYING FOR IT**

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**DO WE BELIEVE THAT GOD IS?**  
**(Hebrews 11:6)**

- I. Do we \_\_\_\_\_ this lesson?  
A. Some have already tuned this sermon out because they have said in their minds, "Of course we believe that God is."

1. Perhaps we do, but the faith of many is little more than \_\_\_\_\_ faith.
  2. It is just a “hand-me-down religion” for some.
- B. The Bible talks about “\_\_\_\_\_ faith” and “\_\_\_\_\_ faith” (1 Timothy 1:5; 2 Timothy 1:5).
1. The word “sincere” literally means without wax.
  2. The emphasis in these two verses must mean that there can be an insincere faith and a feigned faith.

**II. The \_\_\_\_\_ of personal faith.**

A. Someone has summed up genuine, personal faith into three basic elements:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ (belief - John 8:24).
2. \_\_\_\_\_ (trust - 2 Timothy 1:12).
3. \_\_\_\_\_ (faithful unto death - 2 Timothy 4:7-8).

B. On a scale of 1-10, how would you rate your own faith in these areas?

**III. The traits of mere \_\_\_\_\_.**

A. Tradition simply refers to that which has been \_\_\_\_\_, at least in the way we use in modern day language.

B. In religion, some people’s faith is nothing more than mere \_\_\_\_\_.

1. These people have simply just been going with the \_\_\_\_\_.
2. For them, faith is a matter of convenience and not \_\_\_\_\_.

C. We must understand that the problem is not with tradition \_\_\_\_\_.

D. The point is not that faith and tradition are opposites - it is that faith is \_\_\_\_\_ than tradition.

E. The difference is not in the content, but the \_\_\_\_\_ of our faith.

F. Three \_\_\_\_\_ of a faith that is mere tradition:

1. It won’t stand the test of \_\_\_\_\_.
2. It won’t stand the test of \_\_\_\_\_.
3. It won’t stand the test of \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 7:22-23; 15:8-9).

**IV. \_\_\_\_\_ we can take to grow our faith.**

A. Be \_\_\_\_\_ about our faith (Mark 9:24; Revelation 3:1; 2 Corinthians 13:5).

B. \_\_\_\_\_ our faith.

C. \_\_\_\_\_ our faith.

D. \_\_\_\_\_ our faith.

E. Like most valuable things, faith must be \_\_\_\_\_.

**NOT A HOOF LEFT BEHIND**

**Patrick Morrison**

As God was preparing to deliver His people from Egyptian bondage, He selected a meek and humble man named Moses as the one who would lead His people to the land He had promised Abraham's seed (Gen. 12:1-3). Moses had been reared in Pharaoh's household as the son of Pharaoh's daughter (Heb. 11:24), but had fled the land of Egypt after slaying an Egyptian for his ill-treatment of one of his Hebrew kinsman (Exo.2:11-12). God called Moses as he was tending the flocks of his father-in-law, Jethro (Exo. 3:1). Out of the burning bush, God proclaimed to Moses that he was His chosen one to be the deliverer of Israel. He was to go to Pharaoh with the message, "Let my people go" (Exo.4:23; 5:1). Pharaoh increasingly hardened his heart against the message of God, for who was anyone to threaten the ruler of the world's most powerful empire at that time (Exo.5:2)? As God sent plague after plague upon the land of Egypt, Pharaoh would seem to give in somewhat to the commands made of him to allow Israel to journey into the wilderness to sacrifice unto God, but with each plague and each warning Pharaoh attempted to have Moses and Aaron compromise on their demands. At first, he absolutely refused to allow the Israelites to journey three days into the desert to sacrifice to their God. As the plagues came, Pharaoh said he would allow them to sacrifice in the land (Exo.8:25). Afterward, he told Moses that he could take the men and allow them to go sacrifice (Exo.10:10-11). Finally, Pharaoh conceded that all of Israel could go sacrifice, but they must leave behind their flocks and herds (Exo.10:24). To this last attempt at compromise, Moses said, "Our cattle also shall go with us; THERE SHALL NOT AN HOOF BE LEFT BEHIND" (Exo.10:26, emphasis mine, PM). The deliverer God had chosen to lead his people refused to compromise God's will even in the most minute way. God had spoken and Moses would not be moved from it!

We are pressured at every turn by the devil and his minions to compromise the truth, our convictions, and our consciences. What will we do when the world tries to press us into its mold (Rom.12:1-2)? The servants of Satan are constantly calling God's people into the plain of Ono (Neh.6:2). Think of some areas wherein we are being asked of the Pharaohs of the world to compromise. We are being challenged to abandon the truth that baptism is for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38) and that it is necessary for salvation (Mark 16:16). Many would have us to water down the truth in regard to baptism and instead teach that baptism is not necessary to be saved, but it is something we do to obey God. Others would have us teach that baptism is an outward sign of an inward grace (where do you read that in the Bible?). We are under increasing pressure to introduce mechanical instruments of music into the worship of Almighty God. Many are seeking to introduce the instrument in a "contemporary" worship service or at times other than the Lord's day assembly. There are still many other areas wherein we are being pressed to give in to the demands of the carnal-minded and to give up our opposition to these unbiblical innovations of man, such as expanded leadership roles for women in the work and worship of the church, or embracing homosexuality as an alternative lifestyle. Will we give in and give up, or will we stand in and stand up? Let us have the resolve never to compromise the truth of the word of God, "no, not for an hour" (Gal.2:5)!