

Advertising is a powerful medium, perhaps the older English reader may remember the 'Colgate Ring of Confidence' advert that was regularly put out on the television broadcasts of the 1970/80s. When we think about the title and what it actually means, we may wish that it was just as simple as brushing our teeth for a couple of minutes every day to gain this confidence! However to gain this confidence to smile - because of our clean teeth, then we must brush regularly. Likewise for our spiritual mind to gain confidence in God Yahweh (= *Jehovah*), then we must study regularly His Word so that we are in the position to know Him and moreover what He Desires from us. Similarly; as we should have a regular check up on our teeth, have work carried out on them to ensure that they are in tip top condition, then our spiritual mind has to be regularly checked, work carried out on our consciousness, to ensure that it too is not degrading.

Why must we maintain this confidence in our God, Yahweh?

This confidence is required to enable us to gain sufficient mental strength (through the power of the Holy Spirit given by The Almighty God) to face the problems that this world has to offer.

One problem that springs to mind is that of depression which is so common within many people now. A Christian who is strong in confidence is able to call upon their deep knowledge of The Bible and know that we must be coming near to the time of God's New Kingdom being The Millennium where there will be no depression! This type of knowledge will give us the strength to carry on knowing that every day is one day closer!

Matt. 24v13-14 But he that shall endure unto the end, shall be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then The End (*of The Gospel Age*) shall come.

The scriptures tell us here that we must endure to the end. Then blessings will be poured upon to us.

Sadly at present, the very worldly Christian Leaders are not preaching "the gospel of the kingdom" and that is why The Millennium has not yet come to be and why there is till so much pain on this Earth. That is one reason why this website is preaching The Millennium to the world on the Internet.

The reason why Yahweh desires "the gospel of the kingdom to be publicised to the whole world" is because He is throwing out a lifeline to keep people's expectations high while the distress is all around them in these end days.

1Cor. 10v12 So then let him who thinks that he stands securely take heed lest he fall.

We must be so careful of falling into the trap of over-confidence. We may stand there thinking that we have done everything that God has asked of us, but it only takes a small incident which then grows to shake us from the top to our foundations. So ask yourself:

How good are your foundations? Are you likely to be shaken?

Will you survive what you initially assumed to be a small squall, but then changed into a mighty storm?

We can not allow ourselves to be distracted by worldly 'goodies' that will cause our faith to loosen from the solid rock that The Word of God gives us, if we loose this protective foundation we will be dashed to pieces and destroyed. This is a picture, which from Biblical accounts, mirrors what will happen in our times, termed "days of stress, the like of which will never occur again" (Matt.24v21-22).

The Christian Hebrews had to hold together then, and likewise now, we Christians must have their sort of faith/fidelity/assurance now during these 'End Days' of The Gospel Age .

Heb. 3v1 Therefore, holy brethren, who share in heavenly call, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession.

Consider the example of Jesus Christ.

Clearly he loves us and wishes us to complete the course which Jesus Christ, Himself, led the way.

Heb. 2v14-15 Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same nature, that through death he might destroy him who has the power of death, that is the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong bondage.

It is through the actions of Jesus, that he was able to free us from the superstitions (worldly myths) of death. Some of these being purgatory, hellfire, torment, etc. These will not occur. There is nothing in The Bible that says there will be! Only a permanent non-existence without the presence God, or the everlasting life now offered to us through the loving actions of Jesus Christ in balancing the scales for us. We now have the opportunity to be in 'good-standing' with The Almighty God because Jesus has now paid the price of Adam's sin that separated us from God. That gap has now been bridged by Jesus. It is up to us to believe/commit/entrust on the bridge and walk across!

We may have to face many trials and tribulations within this world but we should always remember that Jesus Christ had to suffer the ultimate, scourging, humiliation and finally death at the hands of his enemies even though no fault was found on him.

Mark 3v5 And Jesus looked around at those who where angry, and he was grieved at their hardness of heart, and he said to the man: "Stretch out your hand". He stretched it out, and his hand was restored.

Jesus was grieved at their heart condition.

Luke 9v46-48 And an argument arose among them as to which of them was the greatest. But when Jesus perceived the thought of their hearts, he took a child and put him aside, and said to them: Whoever receives this child in my name receives me, and who ever receives me receives him who sent me; for he who is least among you all is the one who is great.

It probably is easier to see with our hindsight and knowledge of the True Christianity to feel how Jesus must have been grieved in his heart to repeatedly explain time and time again that it is not for the True Christian to be Great in this Satanic world but they will be Great later in The New World. The True Christian must take on the role as a servant now. It must have worn Jesus down to repeatedly remind his own chosen group that they should not fall into the worldly trap of desiring prestige and power (like the religious leaders then and now).

Heb. 3v2-4 Jesus was faithful to Yahweh who appointed him, just as Moses was also faithful in God's House. Yet Jesus has been counted worthy of as much more glory than Moses as the builder of a house has more honour than the house. For every house is built by some one, but the builder of all things is God.

Moses did some miraculous things (using God's power) to the Jewish nation. But Jesus has built a new church both using the Holy Spirit from Almighty God. Hence we look to God for this.

Heb. 3v5-6 Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later, but Christ was faithful over God's house as a Son. And we are his house if we hold fast to our confidence and pride in our expectation.

Moses was faithful to the Jewish nation but a grater Moses came. This was Jesus Christ who was faithful to God's standards and hence faithful to the True Christian church that he was to set up throughout the whole world. This is to spread the Gospel message to the people on whole Earth.

Unfortunately most people do not really know the Bible.

Heb. 3v7 Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says: Today, when you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts

We do need to rely on the Holy Spirit for our energy and guidance. We do not know what will happen tomorrow, so we should put in as much effort that we can now - today.

2Pet. 3v12 ... waiting for and the hastening coming of the day of God, because of which the heaven/sky will be kindled and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire.

We must keep this in mind that this Day (= The Millennium) becomes closer as every ordinary day passes when this old worldly system is permanently removed - we must get the preaching work done to publicise The Gospel to The whole World – so that the end can come sooner!

Heb. 3v8-11 ... do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, on the day of testing in the wilderness, where your fathers put me to the test and saw my works for forty years. Therefore I was provoked with that generation, and said: They always go astray in their hearts; they have not known my ways. As I swore in my anger, they shall never enter my rest.

The nation of Israel put Yahweh to the test and that generation suffered the consequences.

Heb. 3v12 Take care, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God.

The scriptures constantly refer to the heart condition. Having knowledge is just not good enough - in fact this could be considered much worse! Knowledge is clearly required first but then works to support this knowledge. We should always give ourselves a regular examination/audit to check that we are not backsliding into The World's Standards. It is very easy for any person when coming into The Truth and be fervent at the start, to then become complacent. This then leads to a gradual moving away from The Truth as we become more worldly seeking. We must remember to keep our heart condition right and remain strong in The Truth.

Heb. 3v13 But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today", that none of you may be hardened by deceitfulness of sin.

Those faithful must cling together - flee to the mountains together, so that we may supply help to support each other. Likewise today, if disagreement occur then settle quickly - do not let Satan attack our flaws or our weak points - we must draw close together within the church headed by Jesus Christ.

So with our friends we should not dwell upon our negative points but extolling the positive points. Think what it would be like if Yahweh spent 'all His time' on criticising us; instead of the positive love that He shows to us culminating in the acceptance of Jesus carrying out the Will of His Father in Heaven by sacrificing his earthly life for us.

Heb. 3v14 For we share in Christ, if only we hold our first confidence firm to the end.

Remember when you first came into The Truth.

How did it change you?

Were you enthusiastic – having the joy of knowing The Truth?

Now do you think that it is a life sentence - something that you have been press-ganged into - think carefully on it.

Heb.3v15 While it is said: Today, when you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.

This time now you are in The Truth - do not move away. Keep in it and work hard. It is this drive that will keep you going through the tough times that will occur to test your faith/fidelity/assurance. It is only through thorough testing does one know whether the article (or in our case - us) is worthy and hence of value.

Acts 17v27 That they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel after Him and find Him. Yet He is not far away from each one of us.

We all know, especially Yahweh, that we humans can get weighted down with Worldly problems, but we know that God will look after us.

However we must constantly remember Yahweh as our Creator through Jesus and keep Him at the forefront of our minds.

Heb. 3v16-19 For some, when they heard, did provoke; however not all that came out of Egypt by Moses. But with who did he have to grieve with for forty years? Was it not with those who had sinned, whose carcasses fell in the wilderness? And to whom did he swear to, that they should not enter into his rest, but to those who did not believe. So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.

They could not enter because of lack of faith/fidelity/assurance.

Joshua and Levites were exempt from God's displeasure because they did not send in a spy.

Numb. 14v30 As for you, you will not enter into the land that I swear to make you dwell within, except Caleb the son of Jephunneh, and Joshua the son of Nun.

We are in exactly the same position as those Israelites.

Are we going to allow someone else to rob us of our mind and hence future promise for us?

Gal. 6v1-2 Brethren, if man be overtaken in a fault, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in the spirit of meekness; considering yourself, lest you also be tempted. You should bear one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

Elders and instructors are there to help us to act wisely, but there is a heavy responsibility on these religious leaders to behave correctly according to strict Biblical principals. If not, we all are likely be following Satan rather than Almighty God's Will.

Phil. 2v3 Let nothing be done through strife or vain glory, but in lowliness of mind let us each esteem others better than ourselves.

Follow God's Word and pray for His Holy Spirit to work upon us.

Heb. 4v11 Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, otherwise any person will fall after the same example of unbelief.

Do your utmost to carry out God's Will in your work and keep yourself spiritually strong.

Heb. 4v12 For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Can look faithfully to God's Word in the scriptures?

What is our attitude to God's Word in the scriptures?

Do we have confidence in God's Word or the sort of weakness that was prevalent with the Israelites?

Heb. 4v13 Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight; but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.

Bless those who are faithful to God and they will be reward in the new system of things under the rule of Jesus Christ.

Heb. 4v14-16 Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not a high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet did not sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

We know that God is always there when we call to Him for assistance in our times of trouble. He will give us strength and the confidence necessary to carry on with God's Will.

This will reinforce us and give in addition strength in this work.

Jesus Christ is there now at God's right hand, he was here on earth 2000 years ago and knows precisely what it is like.

So these are the things we should do:-

1. Look at Jesus Christ - Imitate him.
2. Pray for God's Holy Spirit - draw upon it.
3. Draw close to fellow True Christians.
4. Learn God's word and know His Will.
5. In this way we will have that true strength from that true relationship with God.

Sometimes we loose our teeth but let us never loose our confidence in The Almighty God - our Friend.