

Fundamentals of Faith – Ministered by Brother Kenneth Copeland

Exodus 23:25;

*“And ye shall serve the Lord your God, and **he** shall bless thy bread, and thy water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee.”*

When we read a passage, we need to understand who is being spoken to. Verse 20 tells us who the '**he**' is.

V. 20;

“Behold, I send an Angel before thee, to keep thee in the way, and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared.”

Deuteronomy chapter 28 begins with the blessings for obedience to the Nation Israel, followed by opening the door to curses if they disobeyed. Verses 40-45 are located in the section of the curses.

Deuteronomy 28:40-45;

“Thou shalt have olive trees throughout all thy coasts, but thou shalt not anoint thyself with the oil; for thine olive shall cast his fruit.

⁴¹ Thou shalt beget sons and daughters, but thou shalt not enjoy them; for they shall go into captivity.

⁴² All thy trees and fruit of thy land shall the locust consume.

⁴³ The stranger that is within thee shall get up above thee very high; and thou shalt come down very low.

⁴⁴ He shall lend to thee, and thou shalt not lend to him: he shall be the head, and thou shalt be the tail.

⁴⁵ Moreover all these curses shall come upon thee, and shall pursue thee, and overtake thee, till thou be destroyed; because thou hearkenedst not unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to keep His commandments and His statutes which He commanded thee:”

Exodus 23:24-25;

"Thou shalt not bow down to their gods, nor serve them, nor do after their works: but thou shalt utterly overthrow them, and quite break down their images.

*And ye shall serve the Lord your God, and He shall bless thy bread, and thy water; and **I will take sickness away from the midst of thee.**"*

Brother Copeland shared he had been meditated on that passage. Over 20 years ago, he stopped and got out of his car and shouted just as loud as he could:

"He took sickness from the midst to me.

And I'll never be sick again hereafter, forever."

I've had opportunities to walk in sickness, but I remind the enemy when symptoms come that he must take his hands off me.

2 Timothy 3:1-8, 11;

"This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

²For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

³Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,

⁴Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;

⁵Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

⁶For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts,

⁷Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

⁸Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith.

*¹¹Persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: but **out of them all the Lord delivered me.**"*

4:1-9;

"I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom;

²Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine.

*³For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall **they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;***

⁴And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

⁵But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.

⁶For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.

⁷I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:

⁸Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

⁹Do thy diligence to come shortly unto me:"

He knew he had finished his course.

You can inquire of the Lord; "How long am I supposed to live?"

The answer begins with Genesis 6:3. He didn't say 70 or 80 years. That was Moses crying out to God.

Romans 10:1-4;

"Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved.

²For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge.

³For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.

⁴For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth."

The Anointed One and His anointing.

Luke 4, Jesus went home to Nazareth, and they were bent out of shape when He used the word, 'anointing.' He said, the Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, for He has Messiah Me.

They thought He couldn't be the prophet, the Messiah, as they grew up with Him; they looked at Him just as their kinfolk, without honor, without respect, without drawing from the Anointed One.

Romans 10:6;

"Who shall ascend into heaven? That is to bring Christ down or to send into the deep that is to bring Christ again."

What deep is He talking about? Jesus went to hell so that we don't have to go.

Psalm 22 (AMPC)

The psalm begins with, *My God, My God, why has thou forsaken me*. And ends with, *it is finished*.

So, Jesus took that psalm and went into hell and defeated the devil with the Word. And David's saying, he's using my stuff <smiling>.

Since the fall, God, by His Spirit through the prophets brings messages into the earth. Once the messages are in the earth, the devil can't get them out, as he has no power over the Word of God.

In the garden, Adam committed high treason. (High treason means that a person is attempting to help an enemy take control of your country.) Adam had authority, but he chose not to use it. His wife turned to him and gave fruit to him. It probably was a fig, because later they sewed fig leaves together for their coverings, as the glory of God has left [they were naked] because of their disobedience.

Romans 10:11;

"Whosoever believeth on Him shall not be ashamed."

Romans 10:8-10;

"The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach;"

That's what is preached and taught here in this church, here in this Bible college. **The Word of faith, which we preach.**

So, then faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God. It does come... faith comes [increases in the area that we apply the Word].

- Ephesians 2:8 – You can't be saved without faith.
- Romans 1:17; Galatians 3:11; Hebrews 10:38 - You can't live the Christian life without faith.
- 2 Corinthians 5-7 - You can't walk the Christian walk without faith.
- 1 Timothy 6:12, 2 Timothy 4:7 - You can't fight the Christian fight without faith.
- John 5:1-4 - You overcome the world with faith.
- 1 John 5; Romans 14:23 - Whatever's not of faith is sin.
- 2 Corinthians 1:24 - You can't stand without faith.
- Romans 11:20 - You can't defeat the fiery darts from the enemy without faith.
- You can't receive the BLESSING without faith.

The moment that Jesus sat down at the right hand of the Father, I was healed and made whole. Now it's up to me to receive it by faith. **Grace provided it, and I receive the provision by faith.**

Hebrews 1:1-4; (NLT)

"Long ago God spoke many times and in many ways to our ancestors through the prophets. ²And now in these final days, he has spoken to us through his Son. God promised everything to the Son as an inheritance, and through the Son He created the universe. ³The Son radiates God's own glory and expresses the very character of God, and He sustains everything by the mighty power of His command. When he had cleansed us from our sins, He sat down in the place of honor at the right hand of the majestic God in heaven. ⁴This shows that the Son is far greater than the angels, just as the name God gave Him is greater than their names."

We see another reference to angels. Brother Copeland suggested that each of us do a personal study on angels and their ministry.

Brother Copeland shared a story of a time his brother-in-law had to change the tire on his new [Studebaker](#) in the middle of the night. His brother-in-law was able to 'supernaturally' loosen the lug nuts, have the wheel changed and then retighten them.

Another time a woman leaned down and said, "everything's going to be okay" to Brother Copeland's brother-in-law. "Help will be here in a few minutes." This woman knew his name in the middle of nowhere, on a rainy night. He was left to believe this may have been a ministry of an angel.

Hebrews 5:14:

"But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil."

Those are the basics, and that is the mission statement of this college (KCBC). To become skillful in the word of righteousness.

"Strong meat belongs to them that are of full age. Even those by reason of use or practice have their senses to discern both good and evil. Therefore, leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ. Let's go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God."

What are you watching when you watch the Super Bowl? Masters of the fundamentals; when you watch the World Series, Masters of the fundamentals.

Brother Copeland shared the story of when he was trained to fly an airplane. The first lesson was understanding the basics, the parts of the plane; the propeller to propel the plane, the leading edge, the ailerons, the elevator, horizontal stabilizer, the rudder, etc. – all covered in what is called the pre-flight fundamentals.

Brother Copeland said, I've been flying all these years, and I've heard a lot of different voices, but I obeyed every one of them because they were the air traffic controllers. They see the bigger picture of where they sit than I can, and it is wisdom to follow them.

The fundamentals all started very basically. The fundamental of faith begins with:

- Believe it in your heart and saying it with your mouth.
- Faith will not work in an unforgiving heart.
- Abraham's blessings cannot be received with Thomas's faith.
- Faith calls things that be not as though they were.
- Faith demands corresponding action. Whatever is not of faith is sin, and you can't be BLESSED without operating in faith.

The woman with the issue of blood (Luke 8:43-48),

- She said it.
- She believed it.
- She did it, and
- She told it.

In our faith walk, we begin with the fundamentals and allow the Holy Spirit to be our 'air traffic controller.' He sees the bigger picture, the correct picture and guides us with the correct steps to bring us from where we are to the next position, with ease.