

The ABC's of Yasab – BELIEF

yāsabַּ יָשַׁב - The Game of Dwelling on Earth – Pt. 5

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Ps 24:1-6 *The earth is the LORD'S and the fullness thereof,
the world and those who dwell therein,
² for he has founded it upon the seas
and established it upon the rivers.
³ Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?
And who shall stand in his holy place?
⁴ He who has clean hands and a pure heart,
who does not lift up his soul to what is false
and does not swear deceitfully.
⁵ He will receive blessing from the LORD
and righteousness from the God of his salvation.
⁶ Such is the generation of those who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob. Selah*

...When we read the “Instructions to Life”... we discover that the Creator WANTS us to be Mindful of—and Anticipating of— His Promised Blessings!

...This Passage Features MINDFULNESS, MOTIVATIONAL AWARENESS, and INTENTIONALITY

In this passage—and throughout Scripture—I am Called on to BELIEVE Some Things!! ...When You Go to Take Your Turn in Yasab in 2024 —Every Category of Your Life Needs to Include the Ingredient of BELIEF!! ...it is a Fundamental of the Game!!

v. 5 ...“He WILL Receive Blessing” = “Living by Faith”

...This is NOT some rare anomaly only mentioned in Ps 24!! ...It is the “Featured, Common Characteristic” of the Disciple of Jesus!

Habakkuk 2:4 *“... the righteous shall live by his faith.” [640BC]*

Rom 1:16-17 *For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. ¹⁷ For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith.”*

Gal 3:11 *Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for “The righteous shall live by faith.”*

Heb 10:32-39 *But recall the former days when, after you were enlightened, you endured a hard struggle with sufferings, ³³ sometimes being publicly exposed to reproach and affliction, and sometimes being partners with those so treated. ³⁴ For you had compassion on those in prison, and you joyfully accepted the plundering of your property, **since you knew that you yourselves had a better possession and an abiding one.** ³⁵*

Therefore do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. ³⁶ For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised. ³⁷ For,

“Yet a little while, and the coming one will come and will not delay;

³⁸ but my righteous one shall live by faith, and if he shrinks back, my soul has no pleasure in him.”

³⁹ But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls.

...Hebrews provides for us the RICHEST Setting into which we understand that— Central to Playing Yasab is BELIEF—the Exercising of Faith!!

— “The Righteous Live by Faith” (They ‘endure’ moments, settings, & seasons—because they possess something REAL but Not Yet REALIZED—v. 34-36)

Heb 11:1-6

...v. 1 ...Faith is “invisible” and “intangible”—But SUBSTANTIVE! —It has Real Life Impact and Force!—It is “Real Though Not Yet Realized”

“...faith brings into the soul an experience of [the] power and efficacy [of the unseen things that are believed], whereby [the soul] is cast into the mold of them, or made conformable unto them.” **John Owen**, “An Exposition of the Epistle of the Hebrews”, vol 24, *The Works of John Owen*, 12

“...faith is the present experience of the future realities that God has promised... Future realities stream back into the present, as it were, and are tasted by faith. ...The future reality becomes in some measure substantially present. That is what faith is. It is the experience of that substance. It sees, or one could say tastes, the present reality of things hoped for. The spiritual, unseen reality becomes, in faith, real and substantial.” **John Piper**, “What is Saving Faith?”, p.113, 115

...v. 2 ...Everyone who plays the game does so on the Basis of Their BELIEF!!

—This is Like the Law of GRAVITY—everyone who lives on earth simply Accepts This Fact-of-Life!! ...We are Going to Live in Present Moments by “Pulling Non-Present Realities into the Moment BY FAITH

—Including JESUS ... **Heb 12:2** *looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross* ...Jesus “endured the present moment—by seeing a “non-present reality” that was coming!!

...v. 3 ...The Premise of Our Life’s EXISTENCE = BELIEF that the Invisible God made Everything that is Visible—from Invisible Stuff!!

— ie, **Invisible Things are as Real & Life Defining as Visible Things!!**

...v. 6 ...Belief is Not Optional ...nor is it Marginal!!!

— The Righteous LIVE by Faith ...and God’s Connection & Contact with Us is BY FAITH!!

— So, Do Not Treat Your Capacity to BELIEVE Things like it is Insignificant! ...Do Not be UNDISCIPLINED or UNINTENTIONAL in How You Use Your “BELIEF” abilities in 2024!!

...v. 7 ...By Faith NOAH—being warned by the Invisible God concerning events as yet Unseen, CONSTRUCTED an Ark...

...v. 8 ...By Faith ABRAHAM—went out to a place he had NOT SEEN!

... By Faith—Sarah, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph ...

Our “FR Headset”

Central to Their Lives & Ours is a “Particular REALITY” ...Moment by moment, day by day, season by season, February after February—we “BELIEVE Things That are NOT Present in That Moment”!! ...it is like we “Put On a VR Headset” (virtual reality)—ie, a “FAITH-HEADSET” ...and we “See” things that are not otherwise visible!!

Heb 11:24-27 *By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter,²⁵ choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin.²⁶ He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward.²⁷ By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible.*

...When Moses put on his “FAITH Headset”—He saw things that informed his decisions in those moments— He saw “reward” that caused him to turn down “fleeting pleasures”!! ...that’s a powerful, life-shaping experience!

He REFUSED Some Very REAL Stuff!!

...**WHY ...would you forgo those REAL PLEASURES??**—Where Does This POWERFUL NO!! come from???

—AND, Live in a Moment of Possibly Even “Non-Pleasures”?? ...v. 26!!

Moses Was Doing Life with His FR HEADSET ON!! ...He Saw Something REAL ...he could SEE a REWARD!!

Ps 24: 3-5 *Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place? ⁴ He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully. ⁵ He will receive blessing from the LORD and righteousness from the God of his salvation.*

...Where does the motivation for “Clean Hands and a Pure Heart and the Rejection of all Deceit” come from?? —the ‘seeing’ and ‘anticipation’ of God’s

blessing!! ...Why would I embrace the stuff of “unclean hands” and “impure hearts” and “lifting my soul to idols”?? Why would I ever do that?? —I Do That when I’m NOT Wearing my FR Headset! ...When I stop BELIEVING in the Unseen Blessings that Are Coming from the Lord!!

Heb 11:27 *By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible.*

— When Moses Played the Game—He Made Decisions about His Life Based on what he Saw With the Headset on!!! He saw the “invisible” power & presence & promises of God—

COMMUNION PREP

- (1) Our yāšabַּ Map of 2024
- (2) Communion = a FR Headset ...Put it on and SEE!!—See what Jesus Saw about our Future!! ...See how HE makes real Ps 24 ... ⁵ **He will receive blessing from the LORD and righteousness from the God of his salvation.**

Heb 12:1-2 *Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.*