

Definition of Faith: *Hebrews 11:1* “**Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.**”

I. Three Levels of Faith

A. None

1. Psalm 53:1a _____
2. Matthew 21:32 _____
3. Pan balance religion-believing your good works outweigh your bad

B. Little

1. Mark 6:5-6 _____
2. Matthew 8:26 _____

C. Great

1. Matthew 15:28 _____
2. Luke 7:9 _____
3. James 1:22-Do not be hearers only-do what it says!

II. Evidence for doubters

A. Prophecies from Old Testament, fulfilled in the New Testament (**HOMEWORK**-Look these up to verify what the guy said...)

1. Isaiah 40:3-5, Luke 3:3-6—A messenger would _____
2. Genesis 3:15; Matthew 1:20- _____
3. Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:22-23- _____
4. Micah 5:2; Matthew 2:1- _____
5. Psalm 78:2-4, Matthew 13:10-15- _____
6. Zechariah 9:9; Matthew 21:4-5- _____
7. Isaiah 53:12; Matthew 27:38- _____
8. Psalm 109:4; Luke 23:34- _____

B. *The odds are 1 in 100 quadrillion (10¹⁷) that one person could fulfill these 8 prophecies from the Old Testament. These, and more, were fulfilled in Jesus Christ.*

C. Miracles and Testimonies

- John 14:11- “at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves”
John 20:29-Thomas *sees* and believes; “blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”(That *should* be all of us!)

III. Decision Time

- A. Warning to all fence-walkers: Revelation. 3:16—Do **NOT** be a “fence- walker”!
B. No “tomorrow guarantee”=decide *today*, before the decision is made *for* you!

~Three Faith-Level Questions~

1. Is your faith built on feelings or unwise counsel?
2. Is your faith smaller than a mustard seed, lacking spiritual water and nutrients? (Jeremiah 7:23—“But I gave them this command: Obey me, and I will be your God and you will be my people. Walk in obedience to all I command you, that it may go well with you.”)
3. If you have great faith-a solid foundation-how often do you step out in that faith with the full confidence our God encourages and *requires* us to?
(Joshua 24:15— “...as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”)