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Daniel 6:23

“...so Daniel was taken up out of the lion’s den, and no injury whatever was found on him because he believed in his God.” Daniel 6:23

How often is our belief only mental assent? We say we believe, but it is only the mental acknowledging of our doctrines – a mere formality of regurgitating on demand some form of creed or prepackaged theology that has never genuinely changed our lives.

You see friend, faith – real faith – changes things! When once you have believed – really believed; believed from your heart; believed by having heard from God Himself, not just your church’s book of prayer, things happen! (Romans 10:17)

Trusting in God is not the same as believing God. The one is more passive, a confidence that looks to God to work all things – even present bad situations to your good – and you can rest assured that is exactly what He will do – always! (Romans 8:28; 2 Corinthians 4:15 The Message). However, believing God is an active faith that is assured the Lord will act in the now! Such faith obtains, if necessary, change for your present circumstances, health and healing for your body; provision and supply for your most pressing needs!

In a general sense then, we may understand that trust will benefit us in the long term or eternal sense, while believing will benefit us in both the eternal and present circumstances of our lives. Be aware though that if your faith never lays hold of God and changes your present circumstances it may be important to ask yourself if it could it be that what you believe to be trust is only a mental assent and incapable of saving you in the Day a living faith is required? Selah!

Examine yourselves – have you been trusting God when you should have been believing Him?

“This is the victory that overcomes the world, even our faith!” (1 John 5:4b).

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