

Your Object of Faith

Now Faith is . . .

concerning things expected (hoped for) . . .
substance (reality),
concerning things not seen . . . confidence.
(A rewording of Heb. 11:1)

We look to the future, yet even in light of all the scientific discovery, statistical analysis, and historical research, we realize that there are many unanswered questions; problems needing resolution; deep needs that yearn for fulfillment. We often feel a void of uncertainty.

What is it that offers hope? What is it that offers the possibility, or better, a true expectation, of filling the void or solving the problem? What is it that provides the confidence that tomorrow's uncertainties will be manageable?

What is that unseen power, force, or being that gives you a strength of confidence and a real expectation that with it, you can face tomorrow; you can overcome life's uncertainties; your needs will be filled?

Do you expect financial success to provide?

A higher paying job, a more lucrative investment, a bigger or better deal?

Do you expect career position or fame to provide?

A step up on the career ladder, more authority to make decisions, your own business, notoriety?

Do you expect physical strength or beauty to provide?

A quest for health and a longer life, pursuit of strength that cannot be overcome, pursuit of beauty to charm and lure the hearts of men?

Do you expect knowledge to provide?

A struggle for knowledge and wisdom to out think and out wit and outlast life's competitors?

Do you expect the relationship of family, friends, or associates to provide?

A relationship with someone important; someone who is powerful; someone who is wealthy?

Men have chosen these and other pursuits to provide confidence and hope to meet the challenges of life's uncertainties.

And yet . . .

If financial success is that which provides hope and confidence . . . wealth is your god.

If position or fame is that which provides hope and confidence . . . power is your god.

If physical strength or beauty is that which provides hope and confidence . . . your body is your god.

If knowledge is that which provides hope and confidence . . . intellect is your god.

To what or to whom do you turn when conflicts arise in your life? When uncertainties and needs arise, who or what does your mind consider **first**? Who or what stands foremost in your mind as the reality that can bring about needed changes to solve your problems or provide your needs?

The object in which you place your faith . . . that which, though perhaps unseen, stands as the reality in your life on which you depend . . . that is your god/God!

I am the Lord your God . . . You shall have no other gods before Me.

(Exodus 20:2-3)

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