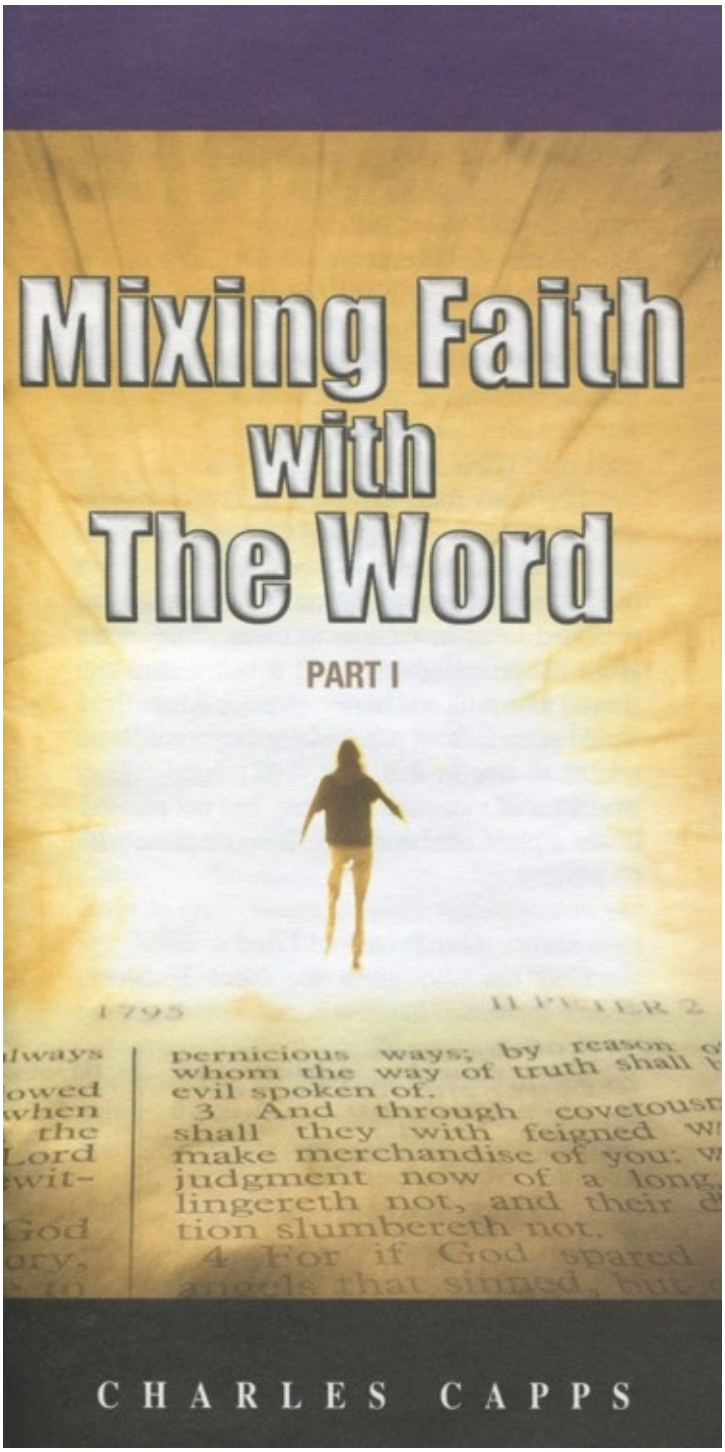
Mixing Faith with The Word

PART I



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WORD—PART 1

In the book of Hebrews we are given insight into why Israel spent forty years in the wilderness even though it was God's will for them to enter into the promised land.

But with whom was he grieved forty years? was it not with them that had sinned, whose carcases fell in the wilderness? And to whom sware he that they should not enter into his rest, but to them that believed not? So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief. (Heb. 3:17-19)

In chapter four verses one and two it reveals the real problem. The gospel was preached to us as well as them but the Word preached didn't profit them. Some might ask what gospel was preached to us as well as to them. They

were given the promised land, and it was a land that flowed with milk and honey. A place where there would be no

lack. A place where they would have houses to live in that they didn't build. They would eat of vineyards that they had not planted. It was a place of abundance. It was a place with no poverty.

OUR PROMISED LAND

God has also given the New Testament Church a promise land. It is not a physical land but it consists of promises of the New Testament, the Word of God that will fulfill all of the needs of this life. In 2 Peter chapter one, Peter tells us that God has given us all things that pertain to life and godliness.

Simon Peter, a servant and an

apostle of Jesus Christ, to them

that have obtained like precious

faith with us through the

righteousness of God and our

Savior Jesus Christ: Grace and

peace be multiplied unto you

through the knowledge of God, and

of Jesus our Lord. According as

His divine power hath given unto

us all things that pertain unto life

and godliness, through the

knowledge of Him that hath called

us to glory and virtue. (2 Pet. 1:1-

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The Children of Israel did not enter into

what God had given them because they

wouldn't mix faith with God's Word.

So it is today, that unless you take hold

of the truth of God's Word and mix

faith with it, you may never enter into the promises of God even though it is God's will for you to do so.

There are many Christians today who have been taught wrong. Some have been told that God doesn't want them to be prosperous here on earth and that they are never going to be blessed until they get to heaven. Those that believe that are probably right because Jesus said, *". .. as thou hast believed so be it done unto thee."* (Matt. 8:13) Yet God has made abundant provision for us through the promises of the New Testament. In Romans 5:17 Paul says, *"They which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ."* The Amplified says, *"Shall reign as kings in life."* Grace is God's willingness to use His power and His

ability on your behalf even though you don't deserve it. God has made

provision for us just as He made provision for the Children of Israel; but to enter into what God has given we must believe it and mix faith with God's Word of promise. The tongue is the mixer. In Romans 10:8 the apostle Paul says: *"... the word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach."*

God assigned an angel to lead Israel to a land of promise. He brought them out of slavery and bondage. Even in the 21st Century, God is trying to lead us out of religious bondage into the promised land of His Holy Word so we can enter into the provision that He has made for us. But we are not going to get

there just because the Bible has promised these things—no more than the Children of Israel possessed the promised land just because God said it was theirs. It took more than that. First they had to make a decision to believe the promise in the face of all natural evidence to the contrary. Those who entered into the promise land had to fight the good fight of faith.

God had Moses to send them out to spy out the land, not to see if they could

take it, but to plan how they would possess the land. Here are their own words in Numbers:

And they told him, and said,
We came unto the land whither
thou sentest us, and surely it
floweth with milk and honey; and

this is the fruit of it. Nevertheless the people be strong that dwell in the land, and the cities are walled, and very great: and moreover we saw the children of Anak there. The Amalekites dwell in the land of the south: and the Hittites, and the Jebusites, and the Amorites, dwell in the mountains: and the Canaanites dwell by the sea, and by the coast of Jordan. (Num. 13:27-29)

THEY LET GOD'S WORD SLIP FROM THEM

They evidently forgot what God said in Exodus 23:20-23:

Behold, I send an Angel before thee, to keep thee in the way, and to bring thee unto the place which I have prepared. Beware of him, and obey his voice, provoke him not;

for he will not pardon your transgressions: for my name is in him. But if thou shalt indeed obey his voice, and do all that I speak; then I will be an enemy unto thine enemies, and an adversary unto thine adversaries. For mine angel shall go before thee, and bring thee in unto the Amorites, and the Hittites, and the Perizzites and the Canaanites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites: and I will cut them off.

THE 10 DIDN'T LET GOD'S WORD BE TRUE IN THEM

God said: I'll send my angel with you to lead you to the Amorites, Hittites, the Jebusites... in other words, all of their enemies and drive them out. They heard the good news but they

didn’t mix faith with the Word of promise. The ten spies came back with bad news. They told what they saw all right, but their conclusion of the matter was based on fear rather than faith. They judged the situation on the basis of sight rather than faith. Joshua and Caleb stilled the people before Moses and said, *“Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to*

overcome it.” (Num. 13:30)

Now what made the difference? Here’s twelve people that went out and saw the same land but there was only two (Joshua and Caleb) that came back and said, *“Let us go in at once, for we are well able to take it.”* The major problem was that ten of them refused to let God’s Word be true to them. So the

Word that God gave them did not profit them, because they were not willing to mix faith with it.

They brought up an evil report of the land which they had searched unto the Children of Israel saying, "... *The land, through which we have gone to search it, is a land that eateth up the inhabitants thereof; and all the people that we saw in it are men of a great stature.*" (Num. 13:32) Well that was true, the men were of great stature all right, but what did that have to do with it? God had given them the land and even assigned an angel to lead them and drive out the inhabitants of the land.

The problem was, they wouldn't mix any faith with what God said.

Joshua and Caleb went together and

they began to build their faith by saying, "It's just like God said. The giants are big but God has assigned an angel to keep us in the way and lead us to this land, so we have God on our side." They kept seeing themselves as victorious, more than conquerors through Him that had promised. Joshua a nd Caleb judged all t hat they saw, in t he light of what God said about i t. The other ten judged what God said in the l ight of what they saw. Now some of you reading this pamphlet have been judging the Bible in the light of the six and ten o'clock news, but we should judge the six and ten o'clock news in the light of the Word of God. The ten spies did not mix any faith with what God said. They saw the giants and allowed fear to motivate them to

make the wrong decision. Numbers 13:33 says, *"And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, which come of the giants: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight."* Now there is something about this statement that we need to understand. How you see yourself in your own eyes is the way others will

eventually see you. Well, as far as their stature was concerned they were much smaller. Even if they were six feet tall, some of the giants were from nine to twelve feet tall. However, God's Word should have been the motivating factor rather than fear.

God's Word had been given to them concerning this matter and God didn't have to change anything for them to be

able to enter into the promise land. God had already given them His Word on the matter. They didn't hearken to the voice of God or the angel He had sent to keep them in the way and lead them to possess the land.

But they brought back an evil report and the angel wouldn't pardon what they said, "We were as grasshoppers," because they saw themselves as failing. They saw themselves as not being able to enter the promise land. Confessions ba sed on G od's Word is a way to pos session. Confession ba sed on fear is a way of failure.

Do you realize what kind of situation Joshua and Caleb went through

because the other spies wouldn't mix

faith with God's Word? They spent forty years in the wilderness. They were there until all of the doubters died, but Joshua and Caleb never changed their confession.

Numbers 14:28-37 reveals Gods message to those who rebelled against His promise:

Say unto them, as truly as I live, saith the Lord, as ye have spoken in mine ears, so will I do to you: Your carcases shall fall in this wilderness; and all that were numbered of you, according to your whole number, from twenty years old and upward, which have murmured against me, Doubtless ye shall not come into the land,

concerning which I sware to make you dwell therein, save Caleb the son of Jephunneh, and Joshua the son of Nun. But your little ones, which ye said should be a prey, them will I bring in, and they shall know the land which ye have despised. But as for you, your carcases, they shall fall in this wilderness. And your children shall wander in the wilderness forty years, and bear your whoredoms, until your carcases be wasted in

the wilderness. After the number of the days in which ye searched the land, even forty days, each day for a year, shall ye bear your iniquities, even forty years, and ye shall know my breach of promise. I

the Lord have said, I will surely do it unto all this evil congregation, that are gathered together against me: in this wilderness they shall be consumed, and there they shall die. And the men, which Moses sent to search the land, who returned, and made all the congregation to murmur against him, by bringing up a slander upon the land, Even those men that did bring up the evil report upon the land, died by the plague before the Lord.

Who did he call the evil congregation? Those that brought back the evil report. What was the evil report? They told what they saw, what they felt, and what they heard. But, is that always an evil report? No, only when it disagrees with the promise God has given. I challenge you to check up

on yourself. Does the report or confession you are making daily agree with God's promise?

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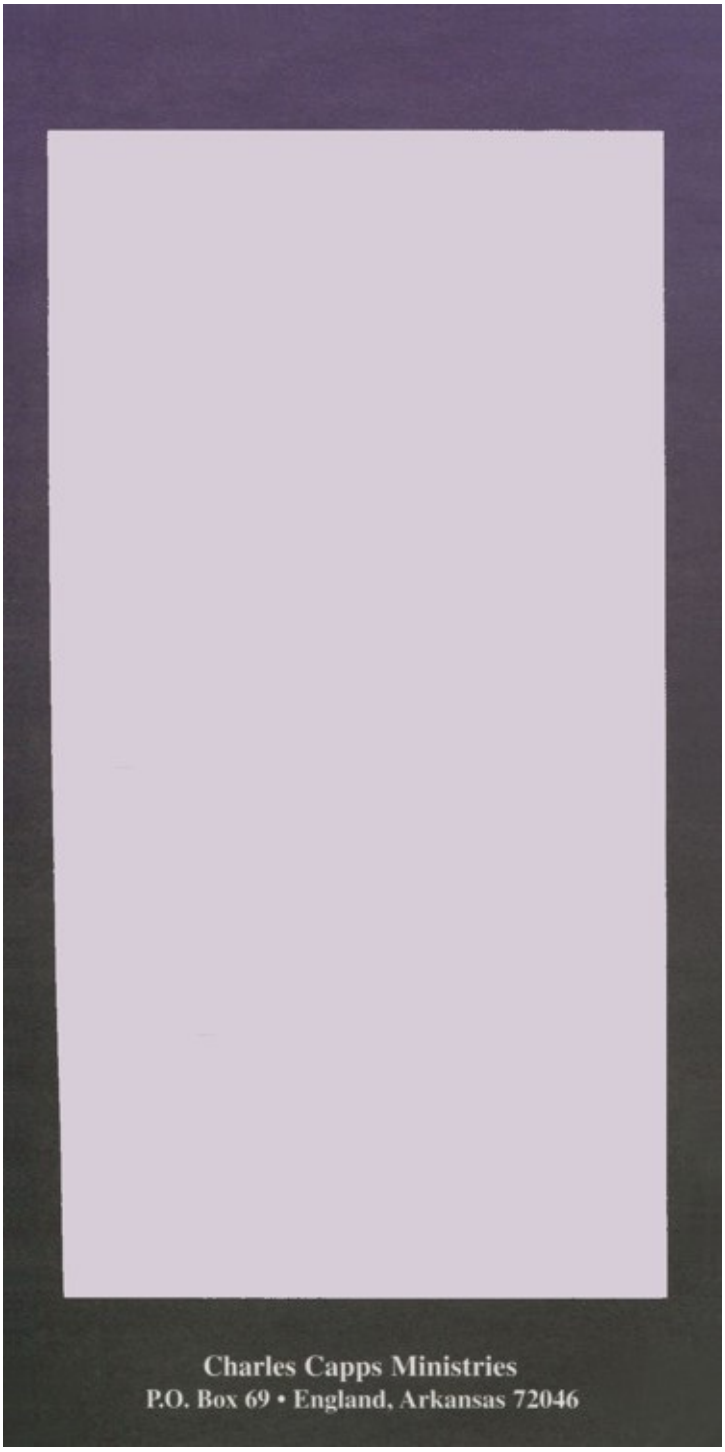
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The apostle Paul's writing to the Romans would seem to be a fitting conclusion to this matter.

For what if some did not believe? shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect? God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged. (Rom. 3:3-4)

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