

Audacious Faith: Believing God Against Odds

Psalms 115:8-15, Matthew 12:21-22

Audacious faith is when you say, “God I don’t see how you are going to do it, but I still believe it.

Psalm 115, wedged between 113 and 118, was part of the Egyptian Hallel which was used in Jewish worship, particularly around festivals, i.e. Passover. It was important because it was a reminder of how God made a way when he delivered them from Pharoah, Egypt, slavery, the Red Sea, the wilderness, and how he provided for them.

Psalm 115 speaks about idol worship of powerless gods who cannot see, hear, smell, taste, or speak. Israel knew the god who was not of human origin, who provides, sees, and hears.

Verses 9, 10, and 11 says God is their help and shield. It says Israelites, the house of Aaron, and you who fear him, trust in the Lord. There are many things that compete for our trust everyday, but the Psalm says, “Trust in the Lord.”

Although we may be children of the Most High God, we will experience hardships, slavery, oppression and uncertainty. The Psalm reminds them of who God is in their life. Other nations trusted in what they saw, but the Israelites had to trust God who they could not physically see. This is where faith comes in. Faith does not require you to see everything. It requires you to trust in the one who can see everything.

Remember he is your help and your shield, so believe by faith, walk by faith, and pray by faith.