



Faith - The Key to Accessing the Open Door - Pt. 2

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John 1:44-51 Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. **45** Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found Him of whom Moses in the law, and also the prophets, wrote — Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." **46** And Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" "Philip said to him, "Come and see." **47** Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward Him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no deceit!" **48** Nathanael said to Him, "How do You know me?" Jesus answered and said to him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." **49** Nathanael answered and said to Him, "Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" **50** Jesus answered and said to him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." **51** And He said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

2024 is the Year of the open Door

Jesus is the ultimate door, that we all must first enter into, to access many of the other doors God has for us.

John 10:9 I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, (Be granted eternal life) and will go in and out and find pasture (the spiritual and physical abundance that come with eternal life that is mentioned in John 10:10).

God has special access to heaven and its resources for His chosen ones.

Hebrews 4:14-16 Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

If we have no confessions, we have nothing to hold fast to, meaning we have nothing to expect from God. This is why confessions are so important.

15 For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.

The answers Jesus has is given with the upmost compassion for us.

16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace (Coming boldly means Speaking and or Asking by Faith, then Confessing with Great Expectations we will receive),

that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

You obtain/receive mercy, but you must find the grace. Mercy is there always, for the bible says Goodness and Mercy follows us.



The word in the Greek for find, means-to find out by inquiry, to learn, or discover.

Jesus knew that Nathanael was selected to be chosen before Nathanael had knowledge of who Jesus was. **47 Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward Him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no deceit!"**

We must understand that God pays special attention to His chosen (the Righteous ones).

Psalms 37:25 I have been young, and now am old; Yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, Nor his descendants begging bread.

John 1:49 Nathanael answered and said to Him, "Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!"

Note: When Philip first told Nathaniel about Jesus, Nathaniel questioned whether Jesus was worthy to be the King of Israel the son of God because of where He came from. Stating "can anything good come out of Nazareth".

One of the greatest promises that is granted to the righteous is the ability to see Jesus for who He is to us, on a daily basis.

50 Jesus answered and said to him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe?"

The word "believe" in this sentence means to have faith in, trust in and rely on.

Trust God for who He is, have faith in God for what He can do, and rely on God that He will do it for us,

Jesus is acknowledging Nathanael's faith and tells Him one of the great privileges he has for being chosen.

You will see greater things than these." 51 And He said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

Jesus was telling Nathaniel that as he continued to walk with Him and believe, he would see Jesus in more of a greater way.

Jesus was actually telling Nathaniel that He was the access to the supernatural.

We serve a many faceted God, meaning that God shows up in many different ways to bless us.

Having the ability to see Him and some of His unique ways, is a gift from the Father.

Revelation 3:8-9 "I know your works. See, I have set before you an open door,



When we talk about works here, we are talking about works that are done through Christ by having faith in what His word says that leads to action.

James 2:20 But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead?

Dead faith is hearing the word, saying that it is true and making no changes to allow it to transform you.

Jesus is saying because He knows their works, He can trust them with an open door.

He can trust them with what is either coming through the open door or trust them access to go through the open door.

God opens a door you can take advantage of it because you have been anointed for the open door.

The anointing is the burden removing, yoke destroying, power of God. It enables us to do extraordinary things in an ordinary world.

The anointing is activated by faith.

1 John 2:20 But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things.

Our spirit knows all things, because we have the Holy Spirit in our spirit, who is the Spirit of Truth. The Holy Spirit is omniscient which means all knowing!

The Holy Spirit does teach us all things. The Holy Spirit will teach us things indirectly, as well as directly.

Romans 8:16 (NLT) For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children.

1 John 2:27 (Message Bible) But they're (the People of the world, fallen angels, demonic spirits and this world system) is no match for what is embedded deeply within you — Christ's anointing, no less! You don't need any of their so-called teaching.

Christ's anointing teaches you the truth on everything you need to know about yourself and him, uncontaminated by a single lie. Live deeply in what you were taught.