

FAITH IN GODS WORD

When a young man once told me, “I find it hard to believe some of the things in the Bible,” I smiled and asked, “What’s your name?” When he said, “Paul,” I casually answered, “I don’t believe you.” He looked at me questioningly. I repeated, “What’s your name?” Again he said, “Paul,” and again I answered, “*I don’t believe you.*” Then I asked, “Where do you live?” When he told me, I said, “I don’t believe *that* either.” His reaction was to become (understandably) angry. I said, “You look a little upset. Do you know why? You’re upset because I didn’t believe what you told me. If you say your name is Paul and I reply, ‘I don’t believe you,’ it means that I think you are a liar. You are trying to deceive me by telling me your name is Paul, when it’s not.”

Then I pointed out that if he, a mere man, felt insulted by my lack of faith in his word, how much more does he insult Almighty God by refusing to believe His Word. In doing so, he was saying that God isn’t worth trusting—that He is a liar and a deceiver. The Bible says, “He that believes not God has made him a liar” ([1 John 5:10](#)). It also warns, “Take heed, brethren, least there be in any of you an *evil heart of unbelief*” ([Hebrews 3:12](#), emphasis added). Martin Luther stated, “What greater insult...can there be to God than not to believe His promises.”

I have heard people say, “I just find it hard to have faith in God,” not realizing the implications of their words. These are the same people who often believe the weather forecast, accept what the newspapers say as true, and trust their lives to a pilot they have never seen whenever they board a plane. We exercise faith every day. We rely on our car’s brakes. We trust history books, medical journals, and elevators. Yet elevators can let us down; history books can be wrong; planes can crash. How much more, then, should we trust the sure and true promises of Almighty God? He will never let us down...if we trust Him.

The Scriptures tell us that we should “above all, [take] the shield of faith”
([Ephesians 6:16](#))