

BUT...Israel's problem is: "Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the LORD: his going forth is prepared as the morning; and he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth." Hosea 6:2

There is great failure in many circles, church groups to do this!

Why? Our human reason has become blighted and distorted by sin, our desires over-ride our perceptions of truth...for we are in ourselves UN-FAITH! FAITH-LESS!

Thus He is obliged to persuade us, to lure us, to hedge us about, even to afflict us so that we may flee to Him in grace for refuge. This is but a testimony to the blinding, hardening power of sin.

Abraham, the man who said AMEN to God is brought within the scope of the impossible by faith...

In the Scripture we are enabled to hear his 'Yes', while the world cries out to Abraham....NO!

What does the world say to you and me in this moment of time?

Faith is the foundation of all spiritual life...Abraham is called the Father of the faithful.

Faith is supernatural. That means it is the gift of God, not the result of the mere action of our own faculties.

Faith, the ground of revelation knowledge and as the creative power in Jacob-Israel's history, is in Scripture distinguished from the whole dim world of mythology and religious mysticism....

Our modern church world is over-flooded with these idolatrous things.

This is Abrahamic faith: faith which, IN HOPE AGAINST HOPE, steps out beyond human capacity across the chasm which separates God and Adam-man....Jacob-Israel to be specific...beyond the visibility of the seen and the invisible of the unseen world, beyond subjective and objective possibility.

In HIS-STORY, Holy History in the Bible we watch Abraham as he advances to the place where he is supported only by THE WORD OF GOD...

Everything by which we are now surrounded conflicts with the promises of God. He promises Jacob-Israel restoration, false prophets do everything possible to keep us from believing this! He promises us Life and Immortality, but we are surrounded with mortality and corruption. He pronounces that we are righteous in His sight, but we are engulfed in sin. He declares His Grace & Glory, His goodwill toward us, but we are threatened by tokens of His wrath.

What can we do? At the end of the journey, FAITH means....letting God be God!