The Two Kinds of Time

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Galatians 6:9 “And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.”

1Peter 5:6-7 “Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: (7) Casting all your care upon him; for he cares for you.”

One of the most important aspects of faith is the fact that it sees that which is not as though it were (Romans 4:17), and then accounts faith as the substance of the thing’s actual existence (Hebrews 11:1). As you can readily see, that causes faith, by necessity, to be in the “Now” of existence.

The Bible formula for accomplishing such a feat is found in Mark 11:24, which states:

Mark 11:24 “Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.”

When you pray, believe you receive it!

As soon as that is done, we then apply the verse just before it:

Mark 11:23 “For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.”

If the believer is successful and implementing this principle of faith given by Jesus, having accomplished the application of these principles, we may then proceed to use our faith until we see the physical manifestation or tangible fulfillment of that which we believed we received.

The Word of God tells us that the Father God wants His children to live that way:

Hebrews 10:38 “Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.”

Hebrews 11:6 “But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.”
Based on biblical principles of faith, one cannot walk by faith and by sight at the same time. The moment a believer switches to sight as evidence of what he/she has received, they have stepped out of the realm of faith. Any presentation of faith after that is “mental assent.”

2Corinthians 5:7 “For we walk by faith, not by sight,”
2Corinthians 4:13 “We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak”

You will notice that, nowhere in scripture does it give seeing as the criteria for believing.

Faith becomes the evidence that I have it rather than the physical senses, e.g. seeing, feeling, hearing, smelling or tasting.

2Corinthians 4:17-18 “For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; (18) While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.”

Interestingly, God never directs the focus of our faith, or what we use it to accomplish, He leaves that up to us. But, the moment we determine how we will use our faith (our focus to accomplish the results), we must use these principles.

The Tangible Fulfillment

It is important to note that the thing that motivated your desire to have it was your desire to see, feel, hear, smell or taste it (the tangible fulfillment). In this physical earth, it is vital to our physical life that we get it into the physical environment so that we may physically use or enjoy it. The primary difference, however, with “the just” wishing to please God, is that we use our faith to get it, rather than merely trusting in the natural laws or man’s ability.

Time is a Child of the Senses

We see that time is not relevant to believing we receive by faith because faith is always Now! Time is, on the other hand, is very relevant to our physical life and environment. You will notice that as God created this physical world, for a period of 6 days, He stepped out of eternal existence into the realm of time! You may also recall that just as soon as He had finished His work in the physical environment, He stepped back into the eternal realm, which by necessity has created the longest 7th day in history.
**After So Long a Time it is Still Today**

For us, time has continued, i.e. days, weeks, months, years, decades, centuries, and millenniums. But for God, He is still in that 7th day of rest of which He speaks:

And the moment we step into the realm of faith, we step into that 7th day spoken of in Genesis 2:2, which is not subject to time as we know it in seconds, minutes, hours, days, etc.

It becomes important then that we clearly define “time” in its two realms:

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1. **A Period of Time – Chronos**: “a period of physical time measured in seconds, minutes, hours, days, months, years, etc.”
2. **A fixed Occasion – Kairos**: “A specified moment, instant or occasion, which is not related to any specific period of time.

**Kairos – Time in the Realm of Faith**

“A fixed occasion” is the meaning of the word “time” as used in our key text of 1Peter 5:6, “...that He may exalt you in ‘due time (kairos).’” The same is true for our other key text scripture of Galatians 6:9, “...in ‘due season (Kairos),’ you shall reap if you faint not.”

Someone might ask you, “When will the lights be turned off?” That word, “when” could point to two different meanings depending on which kind of time is being referenced. If the question is referring to a period of time (chronos), the answer might be, “At 3:45 p.m.” If, on the other hand, it is referring to a fixed occasion (Kairos), the answer might be, “The moment the light switch is turned off.” The latter of course, has no relationship to a period of time and may not be associated with (chronos).

**Due Time**

**Involving the End of a Season or Occasion**

I have often heard Christians say, “Well, God will bring help to me in His time,” or “if this is His time I know I’ll receive the promise in His word.”

Such statements are a result of a lack of knowledge of God’s Word. They generally refer to a
“time period,” not realizing that God’s time period is always “Now!”

Even if I’ve never met you, I can know exactly when you were saved and received eternal life. It was not when God was ready to save you! If that was the case, then you would have to make a date on your calendar and wait for His time. But God’s time is always “today” in “chronos.” So you weren’t waiting for Him. You were save, whatever day it was, when you accepted His offer of salvation. In “chronos” time, I may have no idea when you were saved, but in “Kairos” time, I can know exactly when.

Romans 10:8-10 “But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; (9) That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. (10) For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”

However long it took you (period of time, chronos) to say yes to God’s offer of salvation, your (due time, Kairos) was the moment you said “Yes!” Your salvation did not depend on a period of time, rather on an occasion. All of faith is exactly the same:

Hebrews 10:35-36 “Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward. (36) For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.”

Your Date With Destiny

An occasion is always the key to receiving the fulfillment of your faith. Many relate “patience” to a long period of time of waiting. But patience isn’t about “waiting,” it is about “actions.” The primary word defining “patience” is “steadfastness.” To use patience means to be unwavering, consistent, constant in maintaining the same focus.

In John 9:1-7, a man was born blind. Jesus said he was blind because “the works of God should be manifested in him.” He then told the man, “Go wash in the pool of Siloam.” He went and washed, and came seeing.

In Mark 3:1-5, Jesus said to a man who had a paralyzed arm/hand, “stretch forth your hand.” He stretched it out, and his hand was restored whole as the other.

It obviously takes a longer period of time to go to a pool and wash than it does to stretch our one’s hand. Both men did the will of God, and received the promise as spoken in our Hebrews 10:35-36 scripture (above). For only that reason was a period of time involved with their miracle. But time is not the essence of what the miracle was about. For example, if the blind
man walks slowly to the pool, if he stops and rests periodically, it will take him a longer period of time to see his miracle. If he runs very fast and breathlessly arrives at the pool, and washes the mud from his eyes, he will see sooner than later. But what is of essence in the fulfillment of both of these men’s faith, is the occasion of doing what Jesus told them to do. As soon as that was done, faith manifested into the physical realm, and they received their miracle.

Therefore, when Hebrews says, “You have need of patience, that after you have done the will of God, you shall receive the promise,” it is You that causes your need of patience. You are not patiently waiting on God, rather you are waiting on Your doing the will of God for the promised fulfillment.

**The Arena of Faith**

**REMEMBER,** When you enter the “arena of faith,” get your eyes off of “time” and get them on “due time.” Your faith, cooperating with your actions, will produce the tangible fulfillment of the promise **when** you’ve done the will of God.