

You Have To Believe It To See It

(Luke 17:11-19)

- Introduction:
1. Some people denigrate Christianity because it is a religion of “faith” and not “sight.”
 2. However, upon minimal reflection, we soon realize there are many established and unquestionable truths that are not seen.
 3. In fact, “seeing isn’t always believing,” for our eyes can trick us.
 4. In this lesson, I want to call your attention to three things you have to “believe to see.”

I. You Have To Believe In Order To See Prayer Work

- A. (James 1:5-8).
- B. If we do not believe, our prayers will not be answered.
- C. (James 5:16).

II. You Have To Believe In Order To Be Healed By The Lord

- A. (Luke 17:11-19).
 1. Jesus told the ten lepers to go show themselves to the priests.
 2. But notice - They weren’t healed, then told to go. They were healed as they were going.
 3. They believed before they received the blessing.
- B. (Acts 8:37).
 1. In this context, we are addressing a “spiritual healing.”
 2. “If you believe, you may...” (Acts 8:37).

III. You Have To Believe In Order To See Heaven

- A. (2 Corinthians 5:1-10).
 1. We walk by faith and not by sight (2 Corinthians 5:7).
- B. (Hebrews 11:6).
- B. (John 8:24).

- Conclusion:
1. Christianity is indeed a religion of faith.
 2. Most of what we believe, we haven’t seen.
 3. But that doesn’t make it less reliable.
 4. God has left us sufficient evidence to allow us to confidently place our faith in Him, having full assurance that we will someday see what we now only believe.