

LIVING BY FAITH - 1



FAITH FOR REPENTANCE & FORGIVENESS

Gen.18: 1-1-8, 17-33.

What is faith? - **Heb.11: 1.**

Faith is central to life and our relationship with God - **Heb.11: 6.**

God is willing to forgive us but God's forgiveness requires confession and confession of sin requires faith - Faith in God who forgives and His Word that promise us forgiveness - **1Jn.1: 9.**

Abraham is an example in Scripture.

Forgiveness also requires repentance much more than just confession of sins - **2Chron.7: 14; Prov.28: 13.**

We can confess our sins and still not repent. To repent is to change or turn away from our wrong-doing - **Rom.6: 1-2.**

Two Classical Cases of Confession of Sin Without Repentance:

1. King Pharaoh - **Exod.9: 27-28.**
2. King Saul - **1Sam.15: 24-26.**

However, repentance also requires faith

Two Classical Cases of Genuine Repentance:

1. King Ahab - **1Kg.21: 16-29.**
2. The City of Nineveh - **Jonah 3: 1-10.**

Need for preachers and intercessors - Ezek.22: 29-31; Rom.10: 13-14 & 17.

This is why Jesus Christ came preaching Repentance (**Matt.4: 17**), John the Baptist came preaching Repentance (**Matt.3: 1-2**), all the disciples of Jesus Christ and the Early Church came preaching Repentance. So, we have no choice but to preach Repentance from sin.

Nigeria is in a big mess today because the church in the land has failed to preach repentance from sin.

Repentance is the only way out of sin and the only way to have favour and peace with God whether as individuals, families, church or even nation - **Prov.11: 21; Isa.48: 22.**

God does not delight in the death of sinners but wants them to repent - **Ezek.33: 11; 2Pet.3: 9.**

God repents when men confess their sins and repent - **2Chron.7: 14; Prov.28: 13.**

King Ahab and the City of Nineveh are clear cases in Scripture!

Conclusion:

Although, God has already pronounced judgment to punishment Nigeria but that same God can still forgive us if we not only confess our sins but much more sincerely repent from them. However, it will require FAITH to both CONFESS our sins and to REPENT from them.