

Faith is that upon which our participation in future events takes place. We can look forward to all the good things that God has given us with absolute confidence if we are today living in a relationship of faith with God, and with the Lord Jesus Christ. It is ~~that~~ that which makes these things come true. Faith today is the evidence of what we will be tomorrow. This is merely one example of how we must study the Bible to see what it means. If you have true faith you are not satisfied with what other people say the Bible says. You want to read it for yourself. If you have true faith and are to be a leader of people you are not satisfied to pass a course in Heb. and Gk. and be done with it. You want to learn these languages well enough that you can go into the original and see for yourself what it actually means. If ~~you~~ you want to know God's will from the KJV, there are two things you can do. One is to study Elizabethan grammaticists. Bury yourself in the language of 300 yrs. ago. Learn exactly what they meant, then you will be able to tell exactly what the KJV translators meant with their translation. However, when you do this you will know what they thought it meant. You will not necessarily know what the words mean in the original. A better way is to learn the Heb. and Gk. thoroughly. All you beyond the first yr. have a good knowledge of the basis of Heb. and GK. but in your second and third yr. you have gone on and talked about advanced things. It has not been necessary that the professor drill you again on what you had the first year. My observation however, is that many of you have forgotten basic principles that they learned the first yr. and as a result they are simply dependant on other people's words for the advanced matters of interpretation. If you have truly faith in God you will be so anxious to know what He wants you to do that you will be reviewing the principles you had in first yr. Heb. and Gk. getting them firmly in mind, that you will never be satisfied without knowing exactly what God's Word means both in order to give it correctly to other people even more in order to know exactly what it means for yourself. If you knew that the Pres. of the U.S. was coming to visit -- to inspect this place tomorrow can be quite sure that every one of you would be busy cleaning all the corners, getting ~~everything~~ everything to look just right, wearing your best suit. You would not come to classes or to chapel