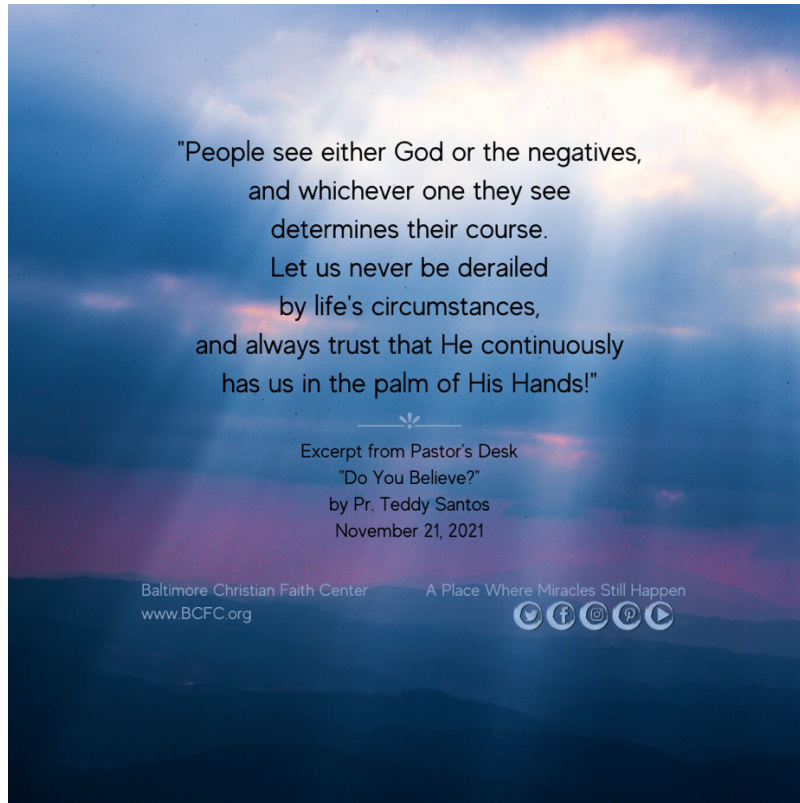


Do You Believe?

Psalm 78:17-22

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These passages showcase the supremeness of our God, but it carries a negative connotation because of Israel's lack of belief and distrust. In the desert, God blessed Israel with water, with daily manna for forty years, and everything they needed. All after He had delivered them from Egypt, leading them between walls of water and demolishing the forces of the world's greatest empire. The people, though, would not believe that the Creator of heaven and earth would govern His creation favorably for them! They lacked belief because He was not real enough to them.

Do we believe? Do we trust in the salvation process that the Highest is leading us through? Do we believe in His deliverance? Do we believe in His ability and willingness to bless us with whatever we need, to be a part of His Family? Is there any good work that He will not perform or any good thing He will not provide for His people?

Do we trust in His nature and His invincible character? Israel did not, and as a result, provoked the Highest to wrath. They created their own self-fulfilling prophecy. Because they did not believe God, they felt that things would turn out badly, and in not trusting Him, things turned out badly!

In the same way, those who tend toward pessimism usually prove themselves right because the hopelessness clouds their view of God and thus their belief of, and trust in, Him. When that happens, as with Israel, they run the high risk of provoking Him to wrath. People see either God or the negatives, and whichever one they see determines their course. Let us never be derailed by life's circumstances, and always trust that He continuously has us in the palm of His Hands!

At His service,
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