

Exodus: Problem Solving: Going from the Complex to the Simple

These promises, rationales, and conclusions must be mixed with a system of grace perception called faith. Faith is nonmeritorious thinking which expresses confidence and trust in the conclusions reached through doctrinal thought.

“Faith” is the English word which translates the Greek noun *pistis* while “believe” is used to translate its verb form, *pisteuo*.

Definitions of faith include:

- a. A conviction based upon hearing.
- b. A firm conviction producing a full acknowledgement of God’s revelation or truth.
- c. That which causes trust and faith.
- d. From Arndt and Gingrich, this definition:

... faith in the Divinity that lays special emphasis on trust in his power and his nearness to help, in addition to being convinced that he exists and that his revelations or disclosures are true.

Faith plus promises, rationales, and conclusions equals stability of soul under pressure.

As you advance toward Santa Fé, you never know what the next day is going to bring, what problem-solving devices you’re going to need, or what doctrines must be available for recall. That’s why you must utilize periods of prosperity to accumulate into long-term memory traces all the doctrine you can.

In the face of a crisis, fear and panic is normal. But the Christian way of life demands that fear and panic be neutralized by the immediate recall of biblical promises, rationales, and conclusions.

The world is designed to kill us. No one gets out of here alive. Consequently, the problems it presents are very complex, fraught with danger, and often lethal.

The only way complex situations can be managed is to make them simple. The human brain can only process so much information in the conscious mind. Almost every exigency is complex and contains many intricate parts, from its standpoint and the believer’s. For example, the Jews face a disaster in the form of:

1. An advancing army, led by the man who only days before held them in slavery.
2. Their emotional reaction includes fear of a return to that slavery at best, death in the desert at worst.
3. Self-absorption projects blame upon leadership represented by Moses and Aaron.
4. Geographically they are boxed in with no apparent avenue of escape and no means of collective or self-defense.
5. This is all extremely complex. They must simplify!

In order to manage the disaster, the Jews must reestablish order in their souls. Fear and panic must be removed before complex solutions can be applied.

The Jews must orient and adjust under Operation Simplicity:

1. God is here, with us in our camp.
2. He knew of this disaster in eternity past and has a solution.
3. He has promised us through Moses that we will worship Him at Mt. Sinai.
4. We need to claim that promise.

Faith amounts to positive volition towards a meritorious object, namely a divine promise. The promise fires doctrinal memory traces which provide temporary tranquility of soul. Tranquility of soul is prolonged as you move into doctrinal rationales.

For example, the promise is associated with wheel-tracks containing data on divine essence, specifically, veracity: God's promise is absolute truth and can be trusted. Thus, you have a promise which associates with wheel-tracks from the doctrine of divine essence which produces a temporary condition of confidence in God.