

# Living by Faith

Scripture says; but without Amunah (Faith) it is impossible to please אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah), for he who comes to אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah) must believe that He is, and that He is a re-warder of those who diligently seek Him. **Hebrews 11:6**

Finding out what Scripture says about Amunah (Faith) is very important. If we want to know how אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah) defines Amunah (Faith) we will have to go to the Word of אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah). If we want to have true Amunah (Faith), we have to search the word of אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah) and see what it tells us true Amunah (Faith) is. Amunah (Faith) is necessary to please אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah).

## **Amunah (Faith) is a Gift of אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah)**

Amunah (Faith) is necessary for salvation; for it is by unmerited favor (grace) you have been Saved, through Amunah (Faith), and not of yourself; it is the gift of אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah), not of works lest anyone should boast **Ephesians 2:8**.

If we want to spend eternity with אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah) we need to know about the Amunah (Faith) that Saves us from our Sins. Therefore I said to you that you will die in your Sins; for if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your Sins. **John 8:24**, we must have Amunah (Faith).

Breakdown of Hebrew words used in the Tanakh (Old Testament), which are related to faith or believing in אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah). These are “Aman”(aw-man'), “Amanah”(am-oo-naw), “Amunah” (em-oo-naw), “Batach”(baw-taw'), “Mibtah”(mib-tawkh), “Chasah”(khaw-saw'), “Galal”(gaw-lal), “Mahcseh”(makh-as-eh), “Yachal”(yaw-chal), and “Rechats”(rekh-ats).

## **“Aman” (Believe)**

The Hebrew word “aman”(aw-man') means “believe, trust in, rely upon, believe in, have faith” or “be faithful...trust, have belief, believe, to be certain”. When used in the Qal verb pattern, “aman” “expresses the basic concept of support and is used in the sense of the strong arms of the parent supporting the helpless infant”. **Psalms 31:24**

The Hiphil verb pattern, “aman” means “to cause to be certain, sure or to be certain about, to be assured” and “shows that Scriptural faith is an assurance, a certainty, in contrast with the modern concepts of faith as something possible, hopefully true but not certain”. **Genesis 15:6, Exodus 14:31, Numbers 14:11, Deuteronomy 1:32, 9:23, 2 Kings 17:14, 2 Chronicles 20:20, Psalm 78:22, Isaiah 43:10 and Jonah 3:5**.

The Qal and Hiphil verb patterns are two (2) different types of action words in Hebrew.

**Exodus 14:31** shows the people of Yisrael had this certain faith on one occasion when it says that the people “believed אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah)”. But **Numbers**

**14:11, Deuteronomy 1:32, 9:23** and **Psalm 78:22** show they later lost this certain faith.

**Jonah 3:5** reveals the wicked people of Nineveh turned to אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) with such certain faith: “So the people of Nineveh believed אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah)...” It is obvious from the previous Hebrew definitions that “aman” or faith means:

- to be certain about אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) and His character, unlimited power, wisdom and promises.
- to totally trust אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) .
- to be faithful or loyal to אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) just as a loving husband is to his wife. Such a husband ignores the adulterous suggestions of other unfaithful women.
- and to continue to rely on אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) no matter what the problem or circumstance.

The word “Aman” is also used in **Numbers 12:7, 20:12, 1 Samuel 2:35, Nehemiah 9:8, Psalms 31:23, 78:32, 106:12, 106:24, 119:66, Isaiah 28:16** and **Daniel 6:23. Psalm 106:12, 106:24** and **119:66 emphasis** the importance of believing אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) ’s Word. **Numbers 12:7** uses the word “aman” in the sense of Moses’ faithfulness to אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah). **Nehemiah 9:8** uses “aman” to mean Abraham’s faithfulness to אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah).

One (1) of the most important verses in the Tanakh (Old Testament) is **Genesis 15:6**: “And he believed in אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah), and He accounted it to him for righteousness.” This verse is quoted in **Romans 4:3, 4:22-23, Galatians 3:6** and **James 2:23** in the crucial context of our being accepted as righteous by אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah). Commenting on the usage of “aman” in **Genesis 15:6**, “The meaning here is that Abram was full of trust and confidence in אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) ...It was not primarily in אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah)’s words that he believed, but in אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) Himself...”

### **“Amanah” (Faith and Support)**

The Hebrew word “amanah”(aw-manah') means “Faith, Support, Agreement. **Nehemiah 9:38, Nehemiah 11:23** uses the word “amanah” in the sense of an agreement.

### **“Amunah” (Firm Faith)**

In **Romans 1:17**, Paul quotes **Habakkuk 2:4** as being a key verse that relates to believers under the Brit Hadashah (New Covenant) of unmerited favor (grace): “For in it the righteousness of אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, “The just shall live by faith””. **Habakkuk 2:4** states: “... But the just shall live by his Emunah (faith).”

**Romans 1:17** and **Habakkuk 2:4** in a way which suggests faith relates only to believing the truths of אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah)’s promises. But when we look at

**Habakkuk 2:4** in its original context, we see it has a broader meaning than just this.

The word “faith” in **Habakkuk 2:4** is the Hebrew word “Amunah”. Vine says, “The basic meaning of Amanah is ‘certainty’ and ‘faithfulness’”. Brown, Driver and Briggs say that in the context of **Habakkuk 2:4**, “Amunah” means “faithfulness, trust”.

The context of **Habakkuk 2:4** helps us to understand the characteristics of the type of faith Paul is referring to in **Romans 1:17**. **Habakkuk 2:4** contrasts the proud, self-reliant attitudes of the unrighteous ancient pagan Chaldean's to those who have trusting reliant faith in אֱלֹהֵי (Yahuah) in their hearts which manifests in the fruit of faithfulness to Him in their daily living.

The Tanakh (Old Testament) variously defines faith as resting, trusting, and hoping in אֱלֹהֵי (Yahuah), cleaving to Him, waiting for him, making him our shield and tower, taking refuge in him, etc...The Brit Hadashah (New Testament) regards the self-despairing hope, world renouncing obedience and heroic tenacity by which Tanakh (Old Testament) believers manifested their faith as a pattern which believers must reproduce (**Romans 4:11-25** and **Hebrews 10:39-12:2**).

The Hebrew root aman means firm, something that is supported or secure. This word is used in **Isaiah 22:23** for a nail that is fastened to a "secure" place. Derived from this root is the word Amun meaning a craftsman. A craftsman is one who is firm and secure in his talent. Also derived from aman is the word Amunah meaning firmness, something or someone that is firm in their actions. When the Hebrew word Amunah is translated as faith misconceptions of its meaning occur. Faith is usually perceived as a knowing while the Hebrew Amunah is a firm action. To have Amunah (Faith) in אֱלֹהֵי (Yahuah) is not knowing that אֱלֹהֵי (Yahuah) exists or knowing that he will act, rather it is that the one (1) with Amanah will act with firmness toward אֱלֹהֵי (Yahuah)'s will.

### **“Batach” (Safety and Security)**

The Hebrew word “batach” expresses another important characteristic of Scriptural faith. “Batach” means “trust in, trust or rely upon” or “feel safe, trust, be full of confidence”. Trust in, feel safe, be confident, careless...that sense of well-being and security which results from having something or someone in whom to place confidence”.

The word “batach” is used in **1 Chronicles 5:20, Psalm 4:5, 9:10, 25:2, 31:6, 37:3, 37:5, 40:3, 52:7, 52:8, 55:23, 56:3, 56:4, 56:11, 62:8, 91:2, 115:9, 115:10, 115:11, 119:42, Proverbs 3:5, 29:25, Isaiah 12:2, 26:4, Jeremiah 17:5, 17:7** and **Hosea 10:13. Psalm 62:8** says: “Trust in Him at all times, you people; pour out your heart before Him; אֱלֹהֵי (Yahuah) is a refuge for us. Selah.”

Only **יְהוָה** (Yahuah) can be totally trusted in because only He is totally trustworthy, perfectly faithful, totally unselfish, infinitely powerful and never lies. The Tanakh (Old Testament) emphasizes how foolish we are if we seek security in our own strength and abilities, other humans or wealth (**Psalm 52:7-8, Jeremiah 17:5 and Hosea 10:13**).

### **“Mibtah”(Reliance or Hope)**

“Mibtach”(mib-tawkh) is another Hebrew word used in the Tanakh (Old Testament) that relates to faith. It means “trust, confidence” or “confidence... security”. It comes from the Hebrew word “batach” mentioned before.

“Mibtah” is found in **Psalm 40:4, 65:5, 71:5, Proverbs 14:26 and 22:19**.

**Psalm 65:5** says: “By awesome deeds in righteousness You will answer us, O **יְהוָה** (Yahuah) of our Salvation, You who are the confidence of all the ends of the earth, and of the far-off seas.” **Psalm 40:4** states: “Baruch (Blessed) is that man who makes **יְהוָה** (Yahuah) his trust...”

### **“Chasah” (Shield or Fortress)**

Another important Tanakh (Old Testament) Hebrew word related to trusting faith is “chasah”(khaw-saw'). “Chasah” means or “seek refuge, flee for protection and thus figuratively put trust in (**Yahuah** ), confide, hope in (**Yahuah** or person)”. “Hasah” is used in **2 Samuel 22:3, 22:31, Psalm 2:12, 5:11, 7:1, 11:1, 16:1, 17:7, 18:2, 18:30, 25:20, 31:1, 31:19, 34:8, 34:22, 57:1** and many other verses. **Psalm 18:2** refers to humans trusting **יְהוָה** (Yahuah) as their Strength: “**יְהוָה** (Yahuah) is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; My Aluahym (God), my strength, in whom, I will trust; My shield and the horn of my Salvation, my stronghold.”

The Hebrew word “chasah” is used of humans putting their trust in **יְהוָה** (Yahuah) as their Rock **2 Samuel 22:3**, Fortress **Psalm 144:2** and Stronghold **Nahum 1:7. 2 Samuel 22:3, 22:31 and Psalm 18:30** say **יְהוָה** (Yahuah) acts as a Shield or Cover for all who take refuge in Him. Expressions such as “fortress”, “stronghold” and “shield” meant much to people who knew such things were their best defenses in war.

### **“Galal” (Trust or Commit)**

The Hebrew word “galal”(gaw-lal) means “commit...trust...roll”. “Galal” is used for rolling oneself on **יְהוָה** (Yahuah) and so to trust **יְהוָה** (Yahuah) (**Psalm 22:8**) or to commit one’s behaviour or life to **יְהוָה** (Yahuah) (**Psalm 37:5 and Proverbs 16:3**). “Galal” is used in **Psalm 22:8** as a prophecy of how the Mashiach (Messiah) would totally trust in and commit Himself to **יְהוָה** (Yahuah): “He trusted in **יְהוָה** (Yahuah), let Him rescue Him; let Him deliver Him, since He delights in Him!”

### **“Machseh” (Refuge or shelter)**

“Machseh”(makh-as-eh) is a key Tanakh (Old Testament) Hebrew word related

to Scriptural faith. It comes from the Hebrew word “hasa” mentioned earlier. “Machseh” means “refuge, shelter” or “to seek refuge. It suggests that a person is helpless and in danger and is rushing to find a secure hiding place”.

The word “machseh” is used in **Psalms 14:6, 46:1, 62:8, 71:7** and **91:9** to express that אַיָּהּ (Yahuah) is our perfect refuge in whom we can trust totally. **Psalm 46:1-3** states: “אַיָּהּ (Yahuah) is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; though its waters roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with its swelling.”

**Psalm 94:22** says אַיָּהּ (Yahuah) is our Defender, Rock and Refuge. These are not just nice poetic expressions but realities in our lives.

The Hebrew word “machseh”: “This idea of taking refuge may well derive from the common experience of fugitives or of men at war, for whom the adjacent hills provided a ready ‘safe height’ or ‘strong rock’ to which the often helpless defender could hurry for protection. In this way the noun machseh ‘place of refuge’ is used as a synonym of ‘ma’oz’ ‘stronghold’, ‘misgab’ ‘secure height’, or ‘manos’ ‘place of escape.’

### “Yachal” (Hope)

Another Tanakh (Old Testament) Hebrew word related to faith in אַיָּהּ (Yahuah) is “yachal” (yaw-chal) . It means “wait, tarry for, wait for equalling hope for”. “Yachal” is used in **Job 13:15** by Job about אַיָּהּ (Yahuah): “Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him...” and in **2 Kings 6:33** by the King of Yisrael when the Syrian army was besieging the Yisraelite capital Samaria in which people were starving. In these two (2) situations, “yahal” relates to trusting in אַיָּהּ (Yahuah) patiently over a period of time during great hardship.

“yachal” carries the ideas of “tarrying and confident expectation, trust...This ‘yachal’ hope is not a pacifying wish of the imagination which drowns out troubles, nor is it uncertain (as in the Greek concept)...”

### “Rechats” (Trust)

The Hebrew word “rechats”(rekh-ats) means “rely on, put one’s trust in” and is used in **Daniel 3:28** when it said that Daniels three (3) friends trusted in אַיָּהּ (Yahuah). They relied upon אַיָּהּ (Yahuah) in the sense of remaining totally loyal to Him, refusing to worship the idol King Nebuchadnezzar set up and risking being burnt alive.

### Abraham the Father of Amunah (Faith)

אַיָּהּ (Yahuah) told Abraham that his covenant was with him and asked him to walk perfect before him. אַיָּהּ (Yahuah) appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty אַיָּהּ (Yahuah); walk before me, and be perfect... 4. As



for me, behold, my covenant is with you, and you shalt be a father of many nations 5. No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you a father of many nations 6. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. 7 And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be Aluahym to you and your descendants after you **Genesis 17:1, 4-7**

The scripture explains that since אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah) already found Abraham with Amunah (Faith), he made the covenant with Abraham making him the Father of Amunah (Faith). 9 Is this Barachah (Blessing) then only for the circumcised, or also for the uncircumcised? For we say that Amunah (Faith) was counted to Abraham as righteousness. 10 How then was it counted to him? Was it before or after he had been circumcised? It was not after, but before he was circumcised. 11 He received the sign of circumcision as a seal of the righteousness that he had by Amunah (Faith) while he was still uncircumcised. The purpose was to make him the father of all who believe without being circumcised, so that righteousness would be counted to them as well, **Romans 4:9-11**

Abraham did not consider his own inability, but the promise of אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah). 19 And not being weak in Amunah (Faith), he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred (100) years old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb. 20 He did not waver at the promise of אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah) through unbelief, but was strengthened in Amunah (Faith), giving esteem (glory) to אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah), 21 and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform. **Romans 4:19-21**

Abraham trusted the words of אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah) about the seed of his son Isaac. So, he did not hesitate to offer Isaac as a sacrifice. "By Amunah (Faith) Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, 18 of whom it was said, that in Isaac shall your seed be called." **Hebrews 11:17-18**

We see that Abraham acted upon every promise of אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah) by obedience; even when it came to sacrifice his only loving son. The Amunah (Faith) of Abraham was to inherit the eternal kingdom, but not for the things of this world. "For he looked for a city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is Aluahym." **Hebrews 11:10**

Our Amunah (Faith) must be like the Amunah (Faith) of Abraham if we want to be the children of Abraham in Amunah (Faith). "They answered and said to Him, "Abraham is our father." **OWYָּהוָה (Yahusha)** said to them, "If you were Abraham's children, you would do the works of Abraham." **John 8:39**

### **Amunah (Faith) in OWYָּהוָה (Yahusha)**

Scripture talks about our Amunah (Faith) in Yahusha, אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah) raised

OWYAZL (Yahusha) from the dead and made him Messiah and Savior. 36  
“Therefore let all the house of Yisrael know assuredly that AYAZL (Yahuah) has made this OWYAZL (Yahusha), whom you crucified, both Savior and Mashiach (Messiah).” **Acts 2:36**

So, our Amunah (Faith) should acknowledge the lordship of OWYAZL (Yahusha) to obey his Commandments. Then, the obedient believers will be sanctified by their Amunah (Faith) in OWYAZL (Yahusha), which is the obedience to his Commandments. Then, they will receive the inheritance in the kingdom of AYAZL (Yahuah). 18 to open their eyes, in order to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Ha Satan to AYAZL (Yahuah), that they may receive forgiveness of Sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by Amunah (Faith) in Me.” **Acts 26:18**

OWYAZL (Yahusha) endured the Stake (stauros), despised his shame and he became the author of Amunah (Faith). 2 looking unto OWYAZL (Yahusha), the author and finisher of our Amunah (Faith), who for the joy that was set before Him endured the Stake, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of AYAZL (Yahuah). **Hebrews 12:2**

OWYAZL (Yahusha) being the author of Salvation as well as the author of our faith, He calls us to follow his life of sufferings to sit in his throne. 21 For to this you were called, because OWYAZL (Yahusha) also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps: **1 Peter 2:21**

For if we died with Him, We shall also live with Him. 12 If we endure, we shall also reign with Him. If we deny Him, He also will deny us. **2 Timothy 2:11**

### **Object of Amunah (Faith)**

Scripture teaches that the object of Amunah (Faith) is AYAZL (Yahuah) and His Son OWYAZL (Yahusha) above all else. OWYAZL (Yahusha) said: "Let not your heart be troubled: believe in AYAZL (Yahuah), believe also in me" **John 14:1**. We are not to put our Amunah (Faith) in that which is false 23 “Then if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here is Mashiach (Messiah)!’ or ‘There!’ do not believe it. 24 For false Christ’s and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the chosen (elect). 25 See, I have told you beforehand. 26 “Therefore if they say to you, ‘Look, He is in the desert!’ do not go out; or ‘Look, He is in the inner rooms!’ do not believe it **Matthew 24:23, 26**. Unless our Amunah (Faith) is in AYAZL (Yahuah) and His Son, we do not have the right kind of Amunah (Faith).

### **Substance of Amunah (Faith)**

Scripture teaches that the substance of Amunah (Faith) is Belief; a complete trust, assurance or confidence. There is no fear; As soon as OWYAZL (Yahusha) heard the word that was spoken, He said to the ruler of the synagogue, “Do not be afraid; only believe. **Mark 5:36**

But when **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) heard it, He answered him, saying, "Do not be afraid; only believe, and she will be made well **Luke 8:50** or doubt; For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. 24 Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them. **Mark 11:23-24** in Amunah (Faith). Unless our Amanah (Faith) is complete trust, we do not have the right kind of Amunah (Faith). Amunah (Faith) is not grounded in subjective feelings. "But these are written that you may believe that **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) is the Mashiach (not Christ), the Son of **AYAZL** (Yahuah), and that by believing you may have life in his name. **John 20:31**.

### **Fruit of Amunah (Faith)**

Scripture teaches that the fruit of Amunah (Faith) is active obedience to **AYAZL** (Yahuah)'s word. Amunah (Faith) is not just a mental thought; it is a mental thought that leads a person to act, to work, to obey. Unless our Amanah (Faith) produces active obedience to **AYAZL** (Yahuah)'s word, we do not have the right kind of Amunah (Faith).

Amunah (Faith) leads to unity and proclaiming the good news of Mashiach (gospel). "But having the same Ruach (spirit) of Amunah (Faith), according to that which is written, I believed, and therefore did I speak; we also believe, and therefore also we speak" **2 Corinthians 4:13**.

For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Mashiach you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, **Philippians 1:29**.

### **The Reward of Amunah (Faith)**

Our Amunah (Faith) results in eternal life (Salvation) given to us by **OWYAZL** (Yahusha). "For **AYAZL** (Yahuah) so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes on him should not perish, but have eternal life" **John 3:16**.

Eternal life with our Aluahym is our first (1st) and greatest reward, but the reward also must expand into growth in relationship with **OWYAZL** (Yahusha), receiving and operating in the gifts of the Ruach (Spirit), receiving or believing for Healing, receiving and believing for our daily needs to be met and believing for the promises of **AYAZL** (Yahuah) here on this earth all of which require Amunah (Faith). Amunah (Faith) is an absolute requirement for answered prayer.

### **A Lack of Real Amunah (Faith)**

People often say, I lack faith, I do not feel the presence of **AYAZL** (Yahuah) or His power in my life. Do you lack Amunah (Faith) to believe **AYAZL** (Yahuah) causes all things to work together for good to those who love **AYAZL** (Yahuah),



to those who are called according to His purpose? **Romans 8:28**

Scripture says that you need not lack Amunah (Faith) in any of these areas! However, Scripture says that most people, in the age preceding **OWYAZL** (Yahusha)'s Return, will not have sufficient Amunah (Faith) to confidently claim any of these or other promises from YAH's Word!

This world is in trouble. Problems are escalating everywhere on earth. The Return of **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) is imminent. This event will only occur after certain catastrophic events have taken place. Catastrophic weather will cause havoc on civilizations around earth, Wars, famines, disease epidemics, religious confusion and economic upheaval

When **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) spoke about our time, he asked, "When the Son of Man comes, shall He find Amunah (Faith) on the earth?" **Luke 18:8**.

Is it possible that true Amunah (Faith) could be completely gone from earth at **OWYAZL** (Yahusha)'s return? "It is clear that many Americans do not know their Bible, 60% of Americans cannot name half of the Ten (10) Commandments and 63% can't name the four (4) gospels of the New Testament. 81% percent believe that 'God helps those who help themselves' and is a direct quote from the Bible. But it is not!

This lack of knowledge and Amunah (Faith) in the word of **AYAZL** (Yahuah) is the single greatest reason why there is so little genuine Amunah (Faith) is to be found. But **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) said that He would build His body and He promised that it would never be destroyed **Matthew 16:18**.

**OWYAZL** (Yahusha)'s true Body of believers will have people that have true Amunah (Faith) according to Scriptural definition and will ensure that there will be people that will be found to have true Amunah (Faith) when **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) returns.

We must establish another important point relating to the life of all true believers. Real Amunah (Faith) comes from the Ruach (Spirit) of **AYAZL** (Yahuah); it is a fruit of the Ruach Ha Kodesh. No one can have it, or even be a true believer without **AYAZL** (Yahuah)'s Ruach (Spirit). "But the fruit of the Ruach (Spirit) is Ahabah (love), joy, Shalum (Peace), long-suffering (Patience), gentleness, goodness, Amunah (Faith), meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. **Galatians 5:22-23**

### **What Amunah (Faith) Is:**

**Hebrews 11** has often been called the "faith" chapter. It describes many of **AYAZL** (Yahuah)'s greatest servants and how their Amunah (Faith) enabled them to perform great acts and miracles or to endure severe trials. **Hebrews 11:1** is probably the most concise definition of Amunah (Faith) found in Scripture. "Now Amunah (Faith) is the Assurance (Substance/Reality) of things Expected (Hoped for), the Evidence (Proof) of things not seen

(perceived, discerned)."

The definition of Amunah (Faith) is enough to really make you think.

Assurance: A positive declaration intended to give confidence; a promise. It adds...Confidence or certainty. Hopefulness "joyful expectation".

When I put it all together, it sounds like this. Being confident and certain that the things I joyfully expect will come to pass. I positively declare this as a promise from אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah).

### **Amunah (Faith) is Substance**

The Greek word for "substance" is "hypostasis" and it means: "A setting under or support (foundation), assurance, confidence, confident expectation, an assured impression and a mental realizing.

The derived meaning is "that which has real existence, the basic essence, the actual reality, the substance of something." It is a condition of the human heart that is as real to אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah) as the thing we asked for will be to us when we receive it. It is the exact image of the thing for which we ask (hypostasis is translated "image" in **Hebrews 1:3**). When we receive what we have prayed for the image is replaced by the actuality.

### **Amunah (Faith) is a Thing**

The Greek word used here for "things" is pragma, which is where we get our English word "pragmatic." It refers to things which are under consideration, things which have been, or are being accomplished

### **Amunah (Faith) is Hope**

The Greek word for hope is elpis: which means expectation... mixed with confidence.

### **Amunah (Faith) Is Evidence**

The Greek word translated "evidence" is elegchos, which means proof or conviction." And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he hears us: And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him **1 John 5:14-15**.

The existence of the אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah) kind of Amunah (Faith) in the human heart is the evidence that what we have prayed for exists. Amunah (Faith), based on the Word of אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah), is the evidence, not what we see or don't see, not good or bad circumstances. Amunah (Faith) is not based on human feeling but rather it is based squarely on the fact of what אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah) says. The evidence is not found in the feeling, rational, visible or sense realm.

Amunah (Faith) involves evidence in the following way. Real Amunah (Faith), in any promise made by אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah), is actually the evidence. It is the

belief that is the evidence. If אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) promises to do something, it is impossible for Him to lie? **Hebrews 6:18.**

Your evidence that He will perform it is the very unwavering Amunah (Faith) that you hold. **Hebrews 11:1** says, "Amanah (Faith) is...the evidence." If you have true Amunah (Faith), you do not need to search for the evidence, you already possess it!

Just as Amunah (Faith) is the substance or underlying reality of the promises of אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) which we expect to see fulfilled, Amunah (Faith) also makes evident or obvious to our Ruach (spirit) the things which we cannot yet see in the natural. Amunah (Faith) is able to make it obvious to us on the spiritual level because Amunah (Faith) is itself a spiritual matter. Amanah (Faith) is a "spiritual substance" on the inside of you that can grow as Scripture tells us that we have all been given a certain "measure of Amunah (Faith)" by אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) in which to work with. Here is the verse that will give us this specific revelation:

"... אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) has dealt to each one (1) a Measure of Amunah (Faith). **Romans 12:3.**

Scripture says that Amunah (Faith) the size of a mustard seed can move mountains! Since the mustard seed is one of the smallest of all seeds this means that we only need is a very small amount of Amunah (Faith) to please אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) and move his hand in your life.

אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) has given each one (1) of us a certain "measure of Amunah (Faith)." Otherwise we would not be able to receive Salvation, as Scripture specifically tells us that we are Saved by unmerited favor (grace) through Amunah (Faith). Your Amunah (Faith) can literally grow in אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) over time.

We are bound to thank אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) always for you, brethren, as it is fitting, because your Amanah (Faith) grows exceedingly, and the love of every one of you all abounds toward each other. **2 Thessalonians 1:3**

Amunah (Faith) is knowing and that knowledge is based on evidence leading to confidence or conviction. But Scriptural Amunah (Faith) is more than that, there is another element. Amanah (Faith) is not just knowing, it is also acting. Scriptural Amanah (Faith) is a confidence so strong that it results in action. You're willing to act based on that belief, that Amunah (Faith). Amunah (Faith) is knowledge in action. It is active trust in the truth.

Knowledge of the truth in אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah)'s Word brings Amunah (Faith). Amunah (Faith) believes what the word of אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) or voice of אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) said without wavering. Our Amunah (Faith) is based upon the truth in אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah)'s Word. Thus, knowing what אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah)'s Word has to say about something gives us the ability to believe it. Our Amunah (Faith) is based upon אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah)'s Word.

## **How to Increase Your Amunah (Faith)**

Amunah (Faith) comes from the Ruach (Spirit) of אַיָּהּ (Yahuah), by hearing the Word of אַיָּהּ (Yahuah). Now here is how your Amunah (Faith) is built up and increased over time. So then Amanah (Faith) comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of אַיָּהּ (Yahuah). **Romans 10:17**

"Hearing" means that the Word of אַיָּהּ (Yahuah) is entering into your mind either through "reading" Scripture or "hearing" someone declare or teach Scripture. Either way, the Word of אַיָּהּ (Yahuah) is entering into your mind where you receive it.

This is why Scripture says that your Amunah (Faith) will grow by hearing the Word of אַיָּהּ (Yahuah). In other words, your Amanah (Faith) will grow as you continue to increase your knowledge about אֱלֹהֵינוּ (Yahusha), through the study of Scripture.

When you are hearing the Word of אַיָּהּ (Yahuah), you are increasing your knowledge about אַיָּהּ (Yahuah) and that is what will cause the Ruach Ha Kodesh to raise your Amunah (Faith) to higher levels.

## **What Amunah (Faith) Is Not**

Amunah (Faith) is not mere human hope! Amunah (Faith) is based on the Word of אַיָּהּ (Yahuah) alone. Human hope is based on wishful thinking or desire, rather than on the Word of אַיָּהּ (Yahuah). Doubt and hope raise the question, "What shall I do?" Amunah (Faith) says, "It is done!" The common phrase, "I am hoping and praying" is scripturally incorrect. "I have prayed and believe" is more scriptural. Amanah (Faith) is not a psychological attitude. Mere positive thinking may have some good results, but it is not Scriptural Amunah (Faith). Amunah (Faith) is not based on mere sensory perception or human reasoning. We live by Amunah (Faith), not by sight. **2 Corinthians 5:7**

## **אֱלֹהֵינוּ (Yahusha) had Real Amunah (Faith)**

אֱלֹהֵינוּ (Yahusha) had tremendous Amunah (Faith) and was filled with אַיָּהּ (Yahuah)'s Ruach (Spirit); It gave Him tremendous understanding of the importance of Amunah (Faith) through the power of the Ruach Ha Kodesh. This is why He said, "I can do nothing on my own. " **John 5:30**.

"The Father that dwells in Me, He does the works" **John 14:10**.

It was through the power of אַיָּהּ (Yahuah)'s Ruach (Spirit) in Him that אֱלֹהֵינוּ (Yahusha) accomplished everything that He did. He understood completely that it was only the presence of the Ruach Ha Kodesh in Him that allowed Him to perform miracles. He perfectly exercised the fruit of Amunah (Faith) present in Him because of the Ruach Ha Kodesh. He had no doubt and complete Amanah (Faith) as needed to endure all he was to face through His sacrifice as Savior of the world.

The apostles performed mighty miracles before and after **OWYAZL** (Yahusha)'s Resurrection and through the power of real Amanah (Faith), believers can also do amazing things just as **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) did and even greater!

**OWYAZL** (Yahusha) said, "He that believes on Me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do" **John 14:12**.

Most people think that they must "work up" Amunah (Faith) through human effort. They see it as something from within that they can WILL themselves into possessing. This is not scriptural and is not how we gain Amanah (Faith). You can have the exact same Amunah (Faith) that **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) possessed, not only can you, but you must!

Nevertheless knowing that a man is not declared righteous by the works of the Torah (Law), but through Amunah (Faith) in **OWYAZL** (Yahusha), even we have believed in **OWYAZL** (Yahusha), so that we may be declared righteous by Amanah (Faith) in **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) and not by the works of the Torah (Law); since by the works of the Torah (Law) no flesh will be declared righteous.

**Galatians 2:16**.

This is an extremely important verse. It differentiates two (2) vital points. First (1st), it states that "we believe[d] in **OWYAZL** (Yahusha)", this is something we must do. Second (2nd), it is the Amanah (Faith) of **OWYAZL** (Yahusha); **OWYAZL** (Yahusha)'s actual Amunah (Faith) that is placed in us, and is what makes us Righteous. Amanah (Faith) starts with human belief, but must quickly move to the real Amunah (Faith) of **OWYAZL** (Yahusha), which enters a person at the moment of Spiritual baptism with the receiving of **AYAZL** (Yahuah)'s Ruach (Spirit).

Scripture describes a certain temporary human Amunah (Faith) that many people have. In the Brit Hadashah (New Testament), when **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) healed people, none of them were converted. Yet, He sometimes told them, "Your Amunah (Faith) has made you whole" **Matthew 9:22** or "according to your Amunah (Faith) be it unto you" **Matthew 9:20**. These people lacked **AYAZL** (Yahuah)'s Ruach (Spirit) but they did have a temporary human Amunah (Faith) that allowed **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) to heal them.

It is this growth from human Amunah (Faith) to the Amanah (Faith) of **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) that Paul referred to when he said "the Righteousness of **AYAZL** (Yahuah) is revealed from Amunah (Faith) [human] to Amunah (Faith) [of **AYAZL** (Yahuah) in us]" For in it the righteousness of **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) is revealed from Amunah (Faith) to Amanah (Faith); as it is written, "The Righteous shall live by Amunah (Faith). **Romans 1:17**

This elevated Amunah (Faith) continues to increase as we grow in relationship with **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) HaMashiach (the Messiah) through studying the Word of **AYAZL** (Yahuah) and Amunah (Faith) in its promises. Human Amunah (Faith) wavers continually according to how one feels at any given moment in

time. When events seem positive or look good, human Amunah (Faith) is up. When things look bad and the outcome of a matter appears gloomy, human Amunah (Faith) fades. **אֱמוּנָה** (Yahuah)'s Amunah (Faith) is constant and does not waver.

Amunah (Faith) is not merely something you only use during moments of crisis, when "things aren't going well." Amunah (Faith) is not just for the "bad times" it is full-time! Amanah (Faith) is completely inseparable from the spiritual and physical issues you face in your daily life as a believer.

He requires that all who come to Him in prayer, with requests, to "not waver." He considers all who waver to be unstable in everything they do, and says that they will receive nothing from Him **James. 1:6-8**.

### **The Fight of Amunah (Faith)**

Paul told Timothy, "Fight the good fight of Amunah (Faith), lay hold on eternal life" **1 Timothy 6:12**

Amunah (Faith) is more than a battle; it is a war that all believers fight throughout their lives! And it is not an easy war, won by victory in a single battle; it involves many battles and constant Amunah (Faith) in the one (1) who gives us victory.

Yahudah (Jude) tells all believers, Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the Amunah (Faith) which was once for all delivered to the chosen believers. **Jude 3**

Here is the patience of the chosen believers; here are those who keep the Commandments of **אֱמוּנָה** (Yahuah) and the Amunah (Faith) of **אֱמוּנָה** (Yahusha). **Revelation 14:12**

There is a reason why this verse joins Patience, Commandment keeping and the Amanah (Faith) of **אֱמוּנָה** (Yahusha). They are inseparable. Believers are able to keep the Commandments, but only through the Amunah (Faith) of **אֱמוּנָה** (Yahusha). It takes patience to do this throughout a lifetime and is exactly what true believers must continually do.

### **Living by Amunah (Faith)**

"The Righteous shall live by his Amanah (Faith)." **Habakkuk 2:4** This is a powerful statement about Amanah (Faith) as a way of life! It is Amanah (Faith) that guides individuals through life. **אֱמוּנָה** (Yahuah) has always taught that His true servants must have real Amunah (Faith).

"Now the Righteous shall live by Amunah (Faith)." **Hebrews 10:38**. Note the definition of Amunah (Faith) immediately follows in **Hebrews 11:1**.

Amunah (Faith) is trusting in **אֱמוּנָה** (Yahuah), Lack of Amunah (Faith) doubts **אֱמוּנָה** (Yahuah). There are three (3) truths concerning Scriptural Amunah



(Faith). When you combine these three (3) truths, we can operate in mountain moving Amunah (Faith)!

In **Mark 9**, there was a boy that had an unclean ruach (spirit), such a strong unclean ruach (spirit) that even **OWYAZL** (Yahusha)'s disciples couldn't cast him out. They regularly cast out unclean ruachs (spirits/demons), but for some reason, when they reached this case, they were unable to cast it out:

And one (1) in the crowd answered Him, "Teacher, I brought you my son, possessed with a ruach (spirit) which makes him mute; and whenever it seizes him, it slams him to the ground and he foams at the mouth, and grinds his teeth and stiffens out. I told your disciples to cast it out, and they could not do it." **Mark 9:17-18**

Now **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) had given His disciples authority over all powers of the enemy, so they clearly did not lack authority to drive out that unclean ruach (spirit): "Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you." **Luke 10:19**

So what did the disciples lack? Clearly they didn't lack authority! What they lacked was Amanah (Faith) in their authority: He answered him and said, "O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him to Me. **Mark 9:19**

When they asked **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) why they were unable to cast out the ruach (spirit), He told them they lacked Amunah (Faith)!

Then the disciples came to **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" 20 So **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) said to them, "Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have Amunah (Faith) as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you. **Matthew 17:19-20**

We need to believe **AYAZL** (Yahuah)'s promises! If He said we shall cast out demons, then it means He has given us the authority to drive out those evil ruach (spirits)! If He's said we are healed in **OWYAZL** (Yahusha)'s name, then it is **AYAZL** (Yahuah)'s will for us to be healed and we just need the Amunah (Faith) to believe what he has promised us already, we need to start trusting the word of **AYAZL** (Yahuah) and believe it!

**OWYAZL** (Yahusha) said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes. **Mark 9:23**

The word believe means to trust. **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) was telling His disciples that all things (referring to the promises of **AYAZL** (Yahuah)) are possible for them who will trust **AYAZL** (Yahuah) for them (believe).

How can you believe something that you do not know? You can't. That's why it's important to know what the Word of **AYAZL** (Yahuah) has to say, so that we

can believe it. "So then Amunah (Faith) comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah)" **Romans 10:17**

Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of Amunah (Faith), having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. **Hebrews 10:22**

Amunah (Faith) works through love (Ahabah), True Amunah (Faith) comes from being rooted and grounded in love (Ahabah) so that your Amunah (Faith) will operate through love (Ahabah). Scripture tells us clearly that all believers should be rooted and grounded in the love (Ahabah) of אַיָּאֵל (Yahusha), if we want to experience the fullness of אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah).

That He would grant you, according to the riches of His esteem (glory), to be strengthened with might through His Ruach (Spirit) in the inner man, 17 that אַיָּאֵל (Yahusha) may dwell in your hearts through Amunah (Faith); that you, being rooted and grounded in love (ahabah), 18 may be able to comprehend with all believers what is the width and length and depth and height 19 to know the love of אַיָּאֵל (Yahusha), which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah). 20 Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, **Ephesians 3:16-20**

But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of Amunah (Faith) and love (Ahabah), and as a helmet the hope of Salvation **1 Thessalonians 5:8**

Amunah (Faith) is not hope even though we all have a measure of Amunah (Faith) and hope. Amanah (Faith) is how we receive those things we hope for. Amunah (Faith) is not sight; Amanah (Faith) is the evidence of things not seen. Amunah (Faith) can only operate in the realm of the invisible concerning those things we hope for and do not yet see. Amunah (Faith) cannot exist in the visible realm, until the things we hope for are manifested to our sight, then Amanah (Faith), the invisible "substance," having done its work, is recognized by the visible substance, the things we hope for and then the image (faith) is fulfilled.

So, let us have Amunah (Faith) in אַיָּאֵל (Yahusha) to inherit the kingdom of אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah). Then אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) will give us the kingdom with pleasure. 32 "Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. **Luke 12:32**

אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) requires Obedience and Amunah (Faith) to inherit the kingdom of אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah). The kingdom of אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) is free for those who obey אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah)'s word in Amanah (Faith). Amunah (Faith) by itself, if it does not have works (action), is dead. Amunah (Faith) without works is dead because true Amunah (Faith) transforms a life. It is also true that works without Amunah (Faith) are dead. So begin walking in active Amunah (Faith)

and see your life transformed. HalluYahuah!!!

# Amanah (Faith)

**F**or I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the esteem that is to be revealed to us. Romans 8:18

**A**nd we know that for those who love **יהוה** (Yahuah) all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28

**I** can do all things through Messiah who empowers me. Philippians 4:13

**T**herefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in Prayer, Believe that you have Received it, and it will be yours. Mark 11:24

**H**e gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. Isaiah 40:29

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