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Consequences of Not Believing God

Last Sunday I spoke on God's rebuke to Moses, "*Is the LORD'S hand waxed short?*" (Numbers 11:23) when he questioned God's ability to feed the 2 1/2 million Israelites with meat every day for a month. I stressed the importance of maintaining faith in God even in the most difficult times of life, for if we lose faith in God, we are finished! Hebrew 11:6 declares, "***But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.***" If we lose faith in God for what He can do in our situations, we will quit praying for the help we need! Romans 10:14 asks, "***How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed?***" Faith in God is a basic necessity for calling on Him in prayer for salvation as well as everything else we need.

After the service, a member of our church said to me, "In your message you stated, '**You can't afford not to believe.**' That would make a good topic for your column." 2 Timothy 2:13 declares, "***If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful.***" The fact is that **if we don't believe God**—it doesn't change the reality of Who God is—it only robs us of the blessings we could have had—and **we can't afford that!**

Jude 1:5 reminds us of the horrible **consequences of not believing God** of "***how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not.***" Jesus warns of the consequences of failing to believe in Him as the only means of salvation, "***If ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins***" (John 8:24). John 3:18 states, "***He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.***" Revelation 21:8 lists the "**unbelieving**" with those who "***shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone.***" **You can't afford not to believe!**