

## Matthew 11:6 The Blessedness of an Unwavering Faith in Jesus

Introduction: In our previous text we saw John's faith shaken and we heard him inquire of Jesus if He is the Christ. We heard Jesus answer showing how His life was a fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy. If any man doubts, the Scripture can settle his doubts if he will believe the Scripture.

### I. The text an admonition to John.

- A. Jesus admonishes John to once again have a strong and unwavering faith.
  - 1. It is a mild rebuke for letting it waver in the first place.
  - 2. It is a challenge not to let it waver again.
- B. The word “blessed” means “one blessed”, “one who is blessed.”
  - 1. The implication is that he is blessed of God.
  - 2. God gives special blessings to one whose faith in Jesus and whose faithfulness to Jesus never falters. (Not even when he is put to the test.)
  - 3. Jesus does not promise riches and worldly pleasure, but He promises blessings worth more. (Help and contentment.)
- C. The words “offended in me” means “offended at me or because of me.”
  - 1. The Greek word means “to stumble.” (Like a man reels and staggers when he stumbles, so is one when his faith in Jesus is shaken.)
  - 2. John did not stop believing in the Christ, but he began to doubt that Jesus is the Christ.
  - 3. He was offended that Jesus was so longsuffering with known sinners. (He was offended that Jesus worked miracles to help sinners but did nothing to help him out of jail. He was offended that Jesus spent His time preaching and teaching and none in raising an army.)
- D. Jesus said, “Blessed is the man whose faith does not falter.”

### II. Very few whose faith never faltered.

- A. John did. (text)
- B. Just before the crucifixion Jesus warned that all of the disciples would be offended in Him, Matthew 26:31.
- C. Peter boasted that he would not, Matthew 26:33. (But he did.)
- D. We should not be shocked to see some falter today or surprised if we ourselves falter at times.
- E. But if every Christian in the world stumbles and falters that still would not change the fact Jesus is the Christ, the Savior of the world.

### III. The challenge.

- A. Just because the faith of others may falter, that does not mean that mine or your's should.
- B. One challenge of the text is “Do not let your faith in Christ falter.” (Be strong. Blessed is the man whose faith in Christ never falters.)
- C. Another challenge: If your faith has wavered do not let it waver again.
- D. We live in a world that stumbles at every truth concerning the Christ. (The virgin birth, blood bought redemption, the resurrection, the bodily return of Jesus, everlasting punishment for the unredeemed, the gospel of Jesus.)
- E. One of the things that the unsaved use to justify their stumbling is that they see professed children of God stumble also. (They laugh and rejoice to see you stumble,)
- F. Do not let the world see you stumble; let them see you walk the straight and narrow way.
  - 1. If you have stumbled get up.
  - 2. Let the world know that you believe with all of your heart in Jesus Christ.

Conclusion:

1. Perhaps you have been on the verge of trusting Jesus for salvation, but you faltered. Falter no more.
2. If there is some saved person who has faltered concerning baptism, come now.
3. If you need a church home falter no more.
4. If you are called to preach, but have never committed yourself to it, delay no longer.

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