

Lost & found

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PLEASE READ LUKE CHAPTER 13

Dealing with Doubt LUKE 7:18-23

Why doubt isn't what you think it is, and what to do about it.

1. John the Baptist _____

2. The _____ of doubt

"To believe is to be 'in one mind' about trusting someone or something as true; to disbelieve is to be 'in one mind' about rejecting them. To doubt is to waver between the two, to believe and disbelieve at once and so to be 'in two minds.'" ¹

"Continued doubt loosens the believer's hold on the resources and privileges of faith and can be the prelude to the disasters of unbelief." ²

3. How to move from _____ to _____

A. Don't be surprised by doubt

B. Diagnose it carefully

Doubt may arise from:

1. Forgetting to remember

"Doubt is conceived at the first moment when 'thank you' is superfluous." ³

2. A faulty view of God

3. Weak foundations

4. Lack of commitment

5. Lack of growth

6. Unruly emotions

7. Old wounds

C. Write a prescription from God's promises

RECOMMENDED READING: *God in the Dark* by Os Guinness

¹ Os Guinness, *God in the Dark*, p. 23.

² Guinness, p. 29.

² Guinness, p. 43.