

From the Mountain Top to the Valley

Matthew 17:14-21

(series #98)

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“The New Testament Documents; Are they Reliable?” by F.F. Bruce

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A. An unbelieving and perverse people

B. “How long?” - Hebrew 5:12

III. The Disciples’ Lack of Faith vv. 19-21

A. The disciples were confident in their ability

B. They weren’t looking to God and trusting Him

Conclusion: Faith is an attitude of humble dependance upon God. It is not the power of positive thinking!