PARADOX OF FAITH

Why We Believe Without Seeing

The Central Paradox

Israel witnessed signs yet struggled to believe.

Later generations believe without directly seeing.

The Questions

Why does God seem silent?

How can we trust testimony and Scripture?

Visible Revelation

Exodus 13:21-22; Exodus 19:16-20

Cloud, fire, and a voice from Sinai.

Yet They Did Not Believe

Deuteronomy 1:29-33

The speaker reflects on unbelief despite signs.

Moses As Mediator

Exodus 20:22

The speaker traces a pattern of covenant instruction.

Prophets and the Son

Hebrews 1:1-2

God spoke through prophets and, in these last days, His Son.

Continuity in Scripture

The speaker argues that covenant themes connect Torah, prophets, and Yeshua.

Claims Requiring Review

Author counts and statistical improbability are apologetic claims, not demonstrated calculations.

Written For Belief

John 20:30-31

The signs were recorded so later readers may believe.

Thomas and the Unseen

John 20:24-29

Blessed are those who have not seen and still believe.

The Criminal on the Cross

Luke 23:39-43

A request of trust; prior knowledge is not disclosed.

Faith and Evidence

Hebrews 11:1-3

The Teaching distinguishes early trust and developed confidence.

The Word Gives Light

Psalm 119:130

Scripture is said to bring understanding.

Willing to Do His Will

John 7:17

The speaker links commitment and discernment.

Creation Testifies

Psalm 19:1-4; Romans 1:19-20

Creation is considered a witness to God.

The Boundaries of the Sea

Job 38:8-11

An image of God’s sovereign ordering of creation.

How Faith Grows

Testimony → curiosity → study → willingness → practice → deeper trust.

Is God Silent?

Participants differ on what silence means and whether God still speaks today.

The Spirit and Guidance

A participant affirms personal direction without new binding doctrine.

Faith at His Coming

Luke 18:8

Will the Son of Man find faith on earth?

Discussion & Reflection

What comes directly from the cited text?

What is interpretation or personal testimony?