Clips from Psalms
Psalms 113:5-6
Jehovah praised for exalting the Humble
"Who is like unto Jehovah our God, that has his seat on high, that humbles himself to behold the things that are in heaven and the earth?"

O ye of Little Faith
There are several contexts that Jesus exposes the disciples' "little faith." The disciples were fearful of a storm on the Sea of Galilee and Jesus calms it with a spoken word before describing their fear as a lack of faith (Matthew 8:26). Again, Jesus walks on the Sea of Galilee and Peter attempts to come after him. Peter begins to sink because of doubt and Jesus rebukes him as one with little faith (Matthew 14:31). Then again we find the disciples reasoning together that they will go hungry because they forgot to bring bread with them on a journey (Matthew 16:5-11). The disciples are once again rebuked for not having faith that Jesus would take care of them based on what he had done in the past (Matthew 16:8). At Matthew 17:19-21 we find Jesus accusing the disciples of having little faith again because they could not remove a demon from an epileptic boy.

To understand what it means to have "little faith" and to disappoint Jesus we must examine the subject of faith. "Faith" (Greek pistain) means "trust in others, persuasion of a thing, confidence, assurance, belief or that which gives confidence" (LS 641). Moulton defines the Greek word as "to persuade, endeavor to convince, win over, yield to persuasion, to believe,
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trust, rely on, or place hope and confidence in" (Moulton 314). The American Heritage English Dictionary defines the word "faith" as "a confident belief in the truth, value, or trustworthiness of a person, idea, or thing" (AHD 486). Trust, confidence, reliance, and conviction in God are established three ways. First, faith is established in the hearts of people by gospel preaching (see John 4:39-42 and Romans 10:17). When people hear the gospel they make a mental decision to believe it based on what is being said regarding Christ, his promise of justification, and an eternity of heaven or hell (see 1 Corinthians 15:1-2). Second, faith is established by divine signs and miracles (see Mark 16:20; John 20:30-31 and Hebrews 2:3-4). Third, faith is established by one's observation of creation (see Psalms 19:1-2; Romans 1:18-23 and Hebrews 11:3). Those that claim to have faith in Jesus and the gospel of the kingdom will manifest that profession by their obedience to the Word of God (see Habakkuk 2:4; John 3:36; Acts 14:1-2; Hebrews 11:1-2 and James 2:17).

The disciples of little faith had lost their confidence and trust in the Lord for some undisclosed reason in each of the named cases. The causes of one loosing confidence and trust in Christ are sinful lust, pride, vain glory, persecution, fear and or discouragement (see 1 John 2:15-17). The Lord’s expectation of his disciples was that they have full confidence in his power to save them in any situation. If they would only receive his words and obey them they would have the power to move mountains (see Matthew 17:20). We find ourselves apart from Christ when we lose our confidence and trust in the promises of God. Never let the devil take your faith. Hold on to faith, love, and hope with all your might!

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