

## Doctrinal Studies

### Greek and Hebrew Words for Faith

**In the Greek language of the New Testament there are five words that are rendered "faith" in the King James Version.**

They are:

pistis, noun, meaning "faith, reliable; that which is believed"

pistos, adjective, "dependable; inspiring of trust, believing"

pisteuo, verb, meaning "to believe; to be convinced"

peitho, verb, meaning "to obey (in present tense); to be persuaded (in aorist tense); to have confidence (in perfect tense); faith (all tenses)"

pistoo, verb, meaning "to show oneself faithful, to feel confidence"

**In the Hebrew there are ten words that are rendered in the King James Version as "faith" or some equivalent of belief or trust.**

They are:

AHMAN, verb, "to believe without merit"

EIMOON, noun, "belief, faithfulness"

EIMOONAH, noun, "truth, steadiness; doctrine, faith"

AHMEIN, noun, "truth, doctrine"

OHMEIN, noun, "faithfulness"

EMETH, noun, one of the strongest words for Truth

BAHTAK, verb, Resting in Faith –a word originally used by wrestlers for giving someone a body slam. Ps.37:3; 91:2. It means "to slam your troubles on the Lord". This verb is used extensively in the Old Testament.

KAHSAH, verb, Ps.57:1, used of a rabbit fleeing from a desert fox and finding refuge in the cleft of the rock where the fox can't reach him. It means "to believe" in the sense of finding refuge in the Word or taking shelter in the Lord.

YAHKAL, verb, "to trust" during circumstances of pressure or suffering. Job 13:15; Lam. 3:21,24.

KAHWAH, used in the sense of binding or twisting strands of fiber together to make a rope. Threads that are weak, in themselves, are woven together into strength. This means that we are weak and can be broken, but woven into the Lord and His Word, we cannot be broken. Isa.40:31; Lam.3:25.