

“You Have Need of Endurance...”

Hebrews 10:32-39

Introduction

“through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God” Acts 14:22

Luke 16:16 (cp Jer. 29:13)

Luke 13:24

Don't pray for an easier life. Pray for endurance in this one.

Why do we need to endure in hardship and suffering?

4 Keys to an Enduring Faith in Hard Times:

1. *Recall* God's faithfulness in order to develop greater faith (vv32-33)
2. *Remind* us that this is not our home (v34)
3. *Receive* God's promises by obeying His will (vv35-36)
4. *Ready* us for the imminent return of our Savior (vv37-39)

1. **Recall God's faithfulness in order to develop greater faith** (vv32-33)

“recall/call to remembrance” More than just simple brief remembering.

The *memory* is a God-given faculty of high utility, a mental power that is not only useful, but necessary.

Deuteronomy 7:18

Deuteronomy 8:2

Psalms 77:11

2 Peter 1:12-13

As times continue to challenge you, stop for a moment and recall all the times that the Lord has delivered you from darkness and danger:

- † Recall His promises kept, His providential interventions, His patience, lovingkindness, and faithfulness to you.
- † Recall the times that your own stubbornness, foolishness, or neglect got you into deep waters. But God did not forsake you, or let you drown.
- † Recall the times that you fretted, worried, and murmured against His providential outworkings; when you were filled with fears, distrusting God. Yet He did not leave you to starve.
- † Recall the times when you thought all doors were closed to you only to discover your all-wise Father was orchestrating circumstances that led to an open door.

† Recall the many times you overtly, if not secretly and willfully chose to sin. Yet, He did not shame you publicly; nor did He punish you though you deserved it.

“endured” ‘to stay under; abide; have fortitude; to bear patiently.’

“publicly exposed/whilst you were made a gazingstock”

1 Corinthians 4:9

“reproach” ‘expressing disapproval, dislike, no support for, find unacceptable.’

Hebrews 11:26

1 Peter 2:1-23

One of the most effective ways to fortify Christians for future trials is to have them recall God’s faithfulness that gave them courage and strengthened their faith in the past.

2. Remind us that this is not our home (v34)

Micah 2:10

The less you recognize the country you knew, the more you’ll learn to crave the country you belong to.

“abiding/enduring” ‘to stay, remain, continue, stand, endure.’

1 Peter 1:3-7

3. Receive God’s promises by obeying His will (vv35-36)

“do not throw away your confidence”

Luke 6:22-23

2 John 8

“endurance” ‘cheerful, hopeful constancy; patient continuance, waiting.’

Romans 5:3-4

“so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised.” v36

If we truly belong to Jesus, we know Him personally. We love, respect and adore Him. And we follow Him.

The duty to fulfill the revealed will of God remains until the His decretive work with us is finished.

Matthew 7:21-24

“receive what is promised”

Colossians 3:24

Matthew 10:22

This is not salvation by works (cf Ephesians 2:8-9).

1 Peter 1:5

The guarantee of our perseverance is embedded in the New Covenant promise:

“I will put the fear of me in their hearts, that they may not turn from me.” Jeremiah 32:40

We are to be “imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.” Hebrews 6:12

Matthew 24:12-13

As more and more people engage in lawless behavior, and their love for God and others turns cold, it will be the ones who abide by the law and in their love for God and others that prove they belong to Him.

4. *Ready* us for the imminent return of our Savior (vv37-39)

It is the fact that Jesus promises to come soon that sustains the spiritual war-weary, battle-fatigued mind.

2 Corinthians 4:17

Habakkuk 2:3

So we gather together weekly, “not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.” Hebrews 10:25

Hebrews 12:1-2

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“the cross of Christ is *a stimulus to patient endurance.*” (John R.W. Stott; *The Cross of Christ*, 315).