

The Great Tribulation

Scripture reading: Hebrews 11:8-10

We are now entering into the end of the Great Tribulation, which is the worst part of the tribulation and when many things are going to happen, like losing our houses, our bank accounts, and our present way of life that we know and love so much. In this time, we must still hold fast to the promises of God and carry on His work for the deliverance of men. God is strengthening us at this time in our walk with Him. God is not expecting us to do it by our own will, but He is expecting us to believe Him.

Somebody was sharing about Abraham and depicted him as an ordinary person, which he was. But at the same time God testified of him several times in the Scriptures that “*Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness.*” Abraham was righteous in his generation, although the requirements in his day were not what God would require of us today. The Blood of Jesus was not yet shed and the Holy Ghost was not yet given. How blessed we are!

In order for us to be found in the same heavenly places were faithful Abraham was, we have to be part of what the Bible calls the Firstfruits company. Some of us might be saying to ourselves, “I do not know if I am in the Firstfruits company. I do not know if I am worthy. I do not know if I will make it. I probably am not because I slipped and fell last week, and nobody knows. The people in church do not suspect that I get mad sometimes, and curse other times, etc., etc.” All these thoughts are designed by the devil to convince us that we are not of God. But the truth is that for us to be worthy, we only have to trust God. God has a different design. **God’s design is that by faith we can lay hold of His promises and that by faith we can enter into His everlasting Kingdom.** If we sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ; and with the remission of sins comes purity and holiness.

God is not asking you to do it by your integrity or by your own personal character. God is asking you to put your character, integrity and abilities aside, by faith lay hold of the promises, and like the publican (Ref. Luke 18:13) to drop on your knees and admit your unworthiness. Ask God to help you and to save you from the traps and snares of the devil; and say, “Lord, I believe; help Thou my unbelief.”

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Thought for today: Remember it is by faith that we can lay hold of His promises and by faith we can enter into His everlasting Kingdom.