



Mighty in the Word

For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; But unto us which are saved it is the power of God" (I Cor. 1.18).

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Faithful Is He that calleth You

Faithful [*is*] he that calleth you, who also will do [*it*]. Sanctification is a work in progress, but cannot be accomplished or brought to fruition without the work of the Lord Jesus Christ in us. Sanctification is a work of grace in our hearts, our lives; we must depend upon His faithfulness to bring us to completion in Him.

We must depend upon the Lord and His faithfulness, but – we must desire to walk on in the Lord, to walk in obedience to His call upon our lives that this work of grace will be brought to completion in us. His faithfulness to us calls us to endeavor to walk in holiness in the Lord Jesus Christ. Sanctification is a life of holiness to which we are called, called daily, moment by moment, to walk in the fellowship of His Son. The Lord God continues to call us to be holy as He is holy by His Holy Word, but also He speaks to our hearts by His Spirit, and as His grace is given to us.

God is faithful to His Word and His promises. God promised to sanctify and cleanse His people from all their sins and to bring them safely to His kingdom and His glory. What the Lord has promised, He will do. He will preserve and present us blameless at His coming.

Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

What shall we then say to these things? If God [*be*] for us, who [*can be*] against us? (Rom 8.30, 31)

But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, establish, strengthen, settle [*you*] (I P 5.10).

As we look at this nation and what has been "going on" for many, many years that is against the teachings of the Lord Jesus Christ, and as we look closely and study the Word of the Lord regarding this nation, I am not so sure but what we can know what lies before us in the sin "that doth so easily beset us."

We read how the children of Israel were taken into bondage, into captivity, because of their sin of idolatry, their sin of inviting other nations to come and bring their gods to be a part of their nation. Jeremiah 29 makes it clear they were going into 70 years of captivity, and they did for their disobedience.

Those standing on the pulpitum today give forth a false word from Jeremiah 29.11 inviting people to believe the Lord God was going to prosper them. I fear they, with intentinality, mistranslate the word **שָׁלוֹם**, which in the Hebrew language is peace

Faithful is He Who has called you!

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Come apart and rest (Mark 6.31).

(shâlôm) – not financial prosperity which they mislead people to think for – uh – need I explain why the Bible is so often mistranslated –for the benefit of those standing on the pulpitum. People hear the word prosperity, and they immediately think of finances. There is a word in the Hebrew in the Old Testament that means profitable, prosperity but shalom is not that word.

I believe that the Lord God Almighty cares for His own; He has all through history and, shall continue to care for His own; however, it does not mean we will be lifted out of the suffering that shall yet come to this nation. Remember the children of Israel who walked with the Lord, while the leadership walked with the enemy and led Israel down the broad road of sin, also went into captivity and suffered. However, remember the Lord's Word! He is faithful Who had promised! He brought His followers through that long seventy years, brought them back "home."

Yes, the Lord is faithful who has called us, and will bring His people "home." It, many times, is not without suffering, however. I believe we are at a time of the Lord's return. No, I am not setting a date; I am saying that as we are in the Advent season of the Christian year, let us look unto the Lord Jesus Christ as we look deeply into our hearts and seek the Lord to cleanse us and draw us closer to Him, to follow Him all the way – knowing that "He Who has promised will bring us through" what lies ahead if we are willing to walk in obedience to Him – and "Quench not the Spirit" of God in Christ Jesus.

I believe we can walk with many in the Old Testament and the New Testament who knew the Lord, who walked with the Lord, who remained faithful to the Lord, when the enemy came hard against them. As Joshua was called to carry on the work, after the death of Moses, the Lord encouraged him in Joshua, Chapter One.

There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, *[so]* I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.
Be strong and of a good courage: for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I sware unto their fathers to give them.

Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it *[to]* the right hand or *[to]* the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest.
Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God *[is]* with thee whithersoever thou goest (Jos 1.5-9).

Read Joshua 1.5-9 and re-read it. Read it with your heart turned to the Lord. Oh, seek the Lord now – as you read this passage. Let the Lord strengthen you in Him.

And then hear the Word given to the children of Israel as they walked through hard times. People, listen and hear the Word (Isa 43.1-7)

But now thus saith the LORD that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called *[thee]* by thy name; thou *[art]* mine. When thou passest through the waters, I *[will be]* with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.
For I *[am]* the LORD thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour: I gave Egypt *[for]* thy ransom, Ethiopia and Seba for thee.

Since thou wast precious in my sight, thou hast been honourable, and I have loved thee: therefore will I give men for thee, and people for thy life.
Fear not: for I *[am]* with thee: I will bring thy seed from the east, and gather thee from the west;
I will say to the north, Give up; and to the south, Keep not back: bring my sons from far, and my daughters from the ends of the earth;
[Even] every one that is called by my name: for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him.

Fear not, for I am with Thee, saith the Lord God to those who walk with Him in obedience. Let the words ring over and over to you from the Lord, Fear not, for I am with Thee. He is with us when we walk in obedience to His Word, to His call upon our lives.

I cannot help but give you the Word that is so strongly given us in the Word of the Lord. Read slowly and carefully with your heart; hear what the Lord has for you as He called His people all through the Bible to know Faithful is He Who Has called you, Who called them also. Know that all through history, the people of the Lord have needed to hear the Word of the Lord that they might be strengthened in Him.

Deu 31:6 Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the LORD thy God, he *[it is]* that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

Jos 1:9 Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God *[is]* with thee whithersoever thou goest.

Jos 10:8 And the LORD said unto Joshua, Fear them not: for I have delivered them into thine hand; there shall not a man of them stand before thee.

Isa 41:10 Fear thou not; for I *[am]* with thee: be not dismayed; for I *[am]* thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.

Isa 44:8 Fear ye not, neither be afraid: have not I told thee from that time, and have declared *[it]?* ye *[are]* even my witnesses. Is there a God beside me? yea, *[there is]* no God; I know not *[any]*.

Isa 54:14 In righteousness shalt thou be established: thou shalt be far from oppression; for thou shalt not fear: and from terror; for it shall not come near thee.

Jer 5:22 Fear ye not me? saith the LORD: will ye not tremble at my presence, which have placed the sand *[for]* the bound of the sea by a perpetual decree, that it cannot pass it: and though the waves thereof toss themselves, yet can they not prevail; though they roar, yet can they not pass over it?

Eze 3:9 As an adamant harder than flint have I made thy forehead: fear them not, neither be dismayed at their looks, though they *[be]* a rebellious house.

Dan 10:12 Then said he unto me, Fear not, Daniel: for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and to chasten thyself before thy God, thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words.

Dan 10:19 And said, O man greatly beloved, fear not: peace *[be]* unto thee, be strong, yea, be strong. And when he had spoken unto me, I was strengthened, and said, Let my lord speak; for thou hast strengthened me.

Joe 2:21 Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice: for the LORD will do great things.

Take time to read each of these scriptures in the context of which they were written.