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Five of the Most Shocking Things in the Bible

Matthew 7:13:23 • Luke 16:19:31



THAT THERE IS A PLACE CALLED HELL

That Hell really does exist!



THAT THERE IS A POPULATION IN HELL

There will be more people in Hell than in Heaven!



THAT THERE IS A PARADOX IN HELL

Many who expect Heaven end up in Hell!



THAT THERE IS A PROBLEM WITH HELL

You could be there today!



THAT THERE IS A PERMANENCE TO HELL

Hell is eternal!

WHICH ARE YOU AVOIDING ... HEAVEN ... OR HELL?



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Times of Services:

Sunday

Bible Study:... 10:00am

AM Worship...11:00am

PM Worship:...6:00pm

2nd Sunday:.....1:30pm

Wednesday

Bible Study:.....7:00pm

Radio Program

Sunday:.....7:30am

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WHEN MY FAITH IS TESTED

Lloyd Gale

It is not a matter of "if" but "when" my faith is tested. Considering the fact that our faith will be tested, it is important that we have the strongest faith possible. Surely no one would disagree that a strong faith is most desirable. We are made aware of the fact that our faith comes by hearing the word of God (Rom. 10:17). Not simply "hearers" but "doers" of the word of God. James 1:25, "But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed."

BAD THINGS SOMETIMES HAPPEN TO GOOD PEOPLE

It is hard for us to imagine when everything is going good, that evil days may be just around the corner. When life is wonderful and things are going well, it is a time to pause and give thanks to the giver of every good and perfect gift (James 1:17). Life in some respects is like the stock market, the highs are sure to be followed by the lows. Yesterday we were invincible, today nothing is going right. Solomon said it this way. "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them" (Eccl. 12:1). When those evil times come, you better have a strong faith to deal with them less they destroy you.

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The change from the time when everything is going good to a time when nothing seems to be going well can be traumatic. It seems that bad news comes in clusters. We look to the right, to the left, front and behind us and there is no solution. This may continue for what seems a very long time. Have we at such times forgotten to look up and to draw upon our reserve of faith? God has not left us. He is there in good and bad times. This is the time when our faith is tested. An untested and unproven faith is not worth very much.

As a Gospel preacher, I have been on the mountain top and I have been in the valley of despair. I have learned from the testing of my faith. In recent times some Christians have lost their employment, some have lost their retirement funds, some have lost their health, others have lost family members. Life has, for some, changed in ways they never imagined.

As Christians we observe once faithful members, and entire congregations departing from the once delivered faith and we weep. We remember the words of Jesus “let not your hearts be troubled” (John 14:6).

Do we remember the trial of the faith of Job? It is hard to imagine such a trial. Yet Job passed the test. He refused to listen to the discouraging advice of others. From the valley of sorrow and pain, God lifted Job after his faith was tried to the mountain top of God’s blessings.

Do we recall how Jesus had His faith tested on more than one occasion? Let’s be reminded of one such occasion. After laboring for some period of time to bring the multitudes to the truth we have this account. “From that time many of his disciples went back and walked no more with him. Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will you also go away? Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life, and we believe that thou art the Son of the living God. Jesus answered them, Have I not chosen you twelve and one of you is a devil” (John 6:66-70)?

Indeed our Lord was tempted in all points yet he did not sin. “For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feelings of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are yet without sin” (Heb. 4:15).

Does Jesus care when adversity comes our way? We sing and correctly so: “Does Jesus care when my heart is pained? Oh yes, he cares. I know he cares. His heart is touched with my grief.” Following the disappointment Jesus experienced when many disciples went back and followed him no more; Jesus returned to Galilee because his fellow countrymen in Judea waited to kill him. “Fellow Countrymen!” A few verses later we read neither did his brethren (brothers) believe in him (John 7:5). These were his own flesh and blood half brothers, who at the time, did not believe his claim to be the Son of God. Not very encouraging.

Jesus did not allow discouragement to prevent him from the task he came to this world to preform. He kept his focus on his goal. Satan makes it appear that fighting the good fight of faith is too difficult and one should just relax and go with the flow with the broad road travelers. Satan is a liar and a deceiver. Sin is the cause of poverty, pain, suffering, and every evil thing. Following the word of God provides the best of this world and peace and joy forever and ever.

There are a lot of discouraging things taking place in the world today, all of which are the result of a lack of faith in God. Those who are speaking and living the truth, as contained in God’s word, are having their faith tested. But just consider the test of the faith of Noah and his family who for some 120 years preached to an unbelieving world. Just who was it that were saved? Believers or unbelievers?

The words of Winston Churchill may serve us well today. In a commencement speech he stood up and spoke these words. “Never...never...never give up.” And then sat down and that speech is no doubt the most remembered commencement speech ever spoken. But if you stop to think about what Churchill said it was but a reflection of the example of the life of our Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus, though often opposed and discouraged, completed His mission and we thank God that He did.

If you are fortunate enough to be a part of a congregation of the Lord’s church where God’s word is loved and respected and where there are true Christians, rejoice and be exceedingly glad. And, remember to do your part to keep it that way. “And let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. As we therefore have opportunity let us do good to all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith” (Gal. 6:9-10).

Among the spiritual songs we sing is one that says: “Though the way we journey may be often drear, We shall see the king one day.” And again: “When with the Savior we enter the glory land, won’t it be wonderful there?” With true faith, a song on our lips, and with the power of prayer, we have the Lord’s assurance of the final victory that overcomes the world.

Listen now to the saving power of the Gospel. “For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek” (Rom. 1:16). Drink deeply from the word of God from whence our faith comes. “So then faith [cometh] by hearing, and hearing by the word of God” (Rom. 10:17). Never, never, give up. Finish the course.

“Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ” (1 Peter 1:5-7).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Aug 9 – Men’s Business Meeting and Ladies’ Bible Class
- Sept 6 – Men’s Business Meeting and Ladies’ Bible Class
- Sept 16-20 – Gospel Seminar at the Ashe Civic Center with Eddy Craft
- Sept 20 – Preach-N-Eat & 1:30 Worship
- Please give support money for Chinese orphans to Jim Winters