

The Bishop's Corner

Have patience and keep the faith

Praise the Lord Saints,

“But without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him (Hebrews 11:6).”

We must hold on to our faith. We're waiting on Jesus to return, and we're doing so many other things while we wait. We need to examine ourselves to see if we desire the things of this life more than we desire Jesus to return. We must remember that the things in this life are temporal, so we should not become impatient waiting on Jesus.

“For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it (Romans 8:24-25).”

It is not hard for us to be impatient because we are human. There are so many places in the bible where God tells us to be patient and wait on Him. We should not let our confidence in God fade away because He has an appointed time for Jesus to come back.

“Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward. For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise. For yet a little while, and He that shall come will come, and will not tarry. Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him. But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul (Hebrews 10:35-39).”

The main point in the verses above is, “after ye have done the will of God.” The reason we are saved and on the earth is to be lights in the world, glorify God and turn people from sin to God (Matthew 5:14-16). We need to ask God to search us so we can see if we are doing His will or what hinders us from doing His will (Psalms 139:23-24). God is perfect, so he is never the hold-up or problem; it is us. God is faithful and dependable; He never comes up short.

“Wherefore, seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith: who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God (Hebrews 12:1-2).” There is nothing worse than being led away from God; this is why we must have patience and hold on to our faith.

God bless you,

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