



Faith Is A Key

Shallow Runners Go Deep

Compiled by God and Recorded and Chronicled by
“The Lion King”

It is now 4:02 am, the fourth watch, the 30th day of August, in the year of Our Lord Jesus Christ 2006. Blessed is the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. For there is no name under the Heavens or on Earth that one might be saved.

To the Glory of God and Our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Will Be Done.
Amen.

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From Clarke:

Verse 13. *If we believe not*] Should we deny the faith and apostatize, he is the same, as true to his threatenings as to his

promises; *he cannot deny*-act contrary to, himself.

From Barnes:

He cannot deny himself. Implying that it would be a denial of his very nature to save those who are unfaithful. He is holy; and how can he save one who is unholy? His very nature is purity; and how can he save one who has no purity? Let no one, then, suppose that, because he is elected, he is safe, if he lives in sin. The electing purpose of God, indeed, makes salvation sure; but it is only for those who lead righteous lives. Nothing would be more dishonourable for God than to resolve to save a man that lived habitually in sin; and if that were the doctrine of election, it would deserve all the opprobrium that has ever been heaped upon it.

From JFB:

13. believe not--"If we are unbelievers (literally, 'unfaithful'), He remains *faithful*" (#De 7:9, 10|). The oldest manuscripts read, "For He cannot (it is an *impossibility* that He should) deny Himself." *He cannot be unfaithful to His word that He will deny those who deny Him, though we be not faithful to our profession of faith in Him* (#Ro 3:3|). Three things are impossible to God, to die, to lie, and to be deceived [AUGUSTINE, *The Creed*, 1.1], (#Heb 6:18|). This impossibility is not one of infirmity, but of infinite power and majesty. Also, indirectly, comfort is suggested to believers, that He is faithful to His promises to them; at the same time that apostates are shaken out of their self-deceiving fancy, that because they change, Christ similarly may change.

A warning to Timothy to be steadfast in the faith.

(end of commentary excerpts)

Just a brief notation here. No Christ does not change as noted in the above JFB commentary, He is the same yesterday today and forever. He doesn't change. But people change. Faithful one moment, apostate perhaps the next. Such is not steadfastness. Nor the Baptist yoyo version of "Once Saved Always Saved" or Security of the Believer. Steadfastness, is true perseverance.

Now as to the above commentary, because Jesus Christ is the same and does not change, He is faithful in His promises to those of the steadfastness, or as seen in Revelation 3, those that remain/do not remain faithful to His Word. To those that apostate, or turn the Word of God into something it was never intended, or twisting and perverting those spiritual truths and ideals; know that here again He is faithful as promised, He does not change... all that commit such things shall be destroyed. All because He does not change. He is the same.

God does not leave people... people leave God.

There are many in the Baptist ranks “pluckers” that I refer to them. Every time you try to talk to these shallow runners, of deeper spiritual truths, they run and start shouting:

And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any *man* pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave *them* me, is greater than all; and no *man* is able to pluck *them* out of my Father's hand. - The Gospel According to John 10:28-29

And this is true. But what the pluckers don't realize, or take the time to go deeper than shallow, is this the two verses before:

But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: - The Gospel According to John 10:26-27

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Wherefore (as the Holy Ghost saith, To day if ye will hear his voice, Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness: When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my works forty years. Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, They do alway err in *their*

heart; and they have not known my ways. So I swear in my wrath, They shall not enter into my rest.)

Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God. But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end;

While it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation. For some, when they had heard, did provoke: howbeit not all that came out of Egypt by Moses. But with whom was he grieved forty years? *was it* not with them that had sinned, whose carcasses fell in the wilderness? And to whom swore he that they should not enter into his rest, but to them that believed not? So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief. - Hebrews 3:7-19

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Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own

lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished,

bringeth forth death. Do not err, my beloved brethren. - James 1:13-16

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And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than *that of Abel*. See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more *shall not we escape* , if we turn away from him that *speaketh* from heaven: Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven. And this *word* , Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain. Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:

For our God *is* a consuming fire. - Hebrews 12:24-29

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And the book is delivered to him that is not learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee: and he saith, I am not learned. Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near *me* with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men: - Isaiah 29:12-13

I have long time holden my peace; I have been still, *and* refrained myself: *now* will I cry like a travailing woman; I will destroy and devour at once. I will make waste mountains and hills, and dry up all their herbs; and I will make the rivers islands, and I will dry up the pools. And I will bring the blind by a way *that* they knew not; I will lead them in paths *that* they have not known: I will make darkness light before them, and crooked

things straight. These things will I do unto them, and not forsake them. They shall be turned back, they shall be greatly ashamed, that trust in graven images, that say to the molten images, Ye *are our gods*. - Isaiah 42:14-17

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Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all, - Romans 4:16

And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now *is* our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. - Romans 13:11-12

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And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul: So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them. - Acts 19:11-12

Even so ye, forasmuch as ye are zealous of spiritual *gifts* , seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church. - 1 Corinthians 14:12

If any man speak in an *unknown* tongue, *let it be* by two, or at the most *by* three, and *that* by course; and let one interpret. But if there be no interpreter, let him keep silence in the church; and let him speak to himself, and to God - 1 Corinthians 14:27-28

If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord. But if any man be ignorant, let him be ignorant. Wherefore, brethren, covet to prophesy, and forbid not to speak with tongues. Let all things be done decently and in order. - 1 Corinthians 14:37-40

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All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works. - 2 Timothy 3:13-17

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For wheresoever the carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together.

Immediately after the tribulation of those days

shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:

And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. - Matthew 24:24 –31

Then said one unto him, Lord, are there few that be saved? And he said unto them, **Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able. When once the master of the house is risen up, and hath shut to the door, and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us; and he shall answer and say unto you, I know you not whence ye are:**

Then shall ye begin to say, We have eaten and drunk in thy presence, and thou hast taught in our streets. But he shall say, I tell you, I know you not whence ye are; depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity.

There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrust out.

And they shall come from the east, and from the west, and from the north, and from the south, and shall sit down in the kingdom of God. - The Gospel According to Luke 13:23-29

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The light of the body is the eye: therefore when thine eye is single, thy whole body also is full of light; but when *thine eye is evil*, thy body also *is full of darkness*. Take heed therefore that the light which is in thee be not darkness. - The Gospel According to Luke 11:34-35

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And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write; These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead. Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God. Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee. Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy. He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father,

and before his angels. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches. - Revelation 3:1-6

He that overcomes. That is truly steadfast that is the true perseverance of the saints... all others will be blotted out...

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There are a great multitude of examples the Lord said He could provide... as ...

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O Israel, thou hast sinned from the days of Gibeah: there they stood: the battle in Gibeah against the children of iniquity did not overtake them. *It is* in my desire that I should chastise them; and the people shall be gathered against them, when they shall bind themselves in their two furrows. And Ephraim *is as an heifer that is taught, and loveth to tread out the corn* ; but I passed over upon her fair neck: I will make Ephraim to ride; Judah shall plow, *and* Jacob shall break his clods.

Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: for *it is* time to seek the LORD, till he come and rain righteousness upon you. - Hosea 10:9-12

For thus saith the LORD to the men of Judah and Jerusalem,
Break up your fallow ground, and sow not among thorns.
Circumcise yourselves to the LORD, and take away the foreskins
of your heart, ye men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem:
lest my fury come forth like fire, and burn that none can quench
it , because of the evil of your doings.

Declare ye in Judah, and publish in Jerusalem; and say, Blow ye
the trumpet in the land: cry, gather together, and say, Assemble
yourselves, and let us go into the defenced cities. Set up the
standard toward Zion: retire, stay not: for I will bring evil from
the north, and a great destruction.

The lion is come up from his thicket, and the destroyer of the
Gentiles is on his way; he is gone forth from his place to make
thy land desolate; *and* thy cities shall be laid waste, without an
inhabitant. - Jeremiah 4:3-7

It is the glory of God to conceal a thing: but the honour of kings
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for depth, and the heart of kings *is* unsearchable. - Proverbs 25:2-
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A Lion in the Way. Pulling the Dog from it's own vomit, lifting the sow from it's mire. Higher. Higher.

My brethren, if any among you strays from the truth and one turns him back, let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins. - James 5:19-20 New American Standard

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By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God. 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.

And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God. - James 2:23

“Believe God”

“Believe the Lord Jesus Christ”.

“Believe THE WORD”.

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Standing between YOU and the destroyer.

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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? - Jeremiah 5:22

But it is up to you to grasp the lifeline... you have to grasp it.

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Bringing all into the unity of the faith. Sounds like a job for an apostle to me. Perhaps even “a teacher”, a preacher”, an “archer”, Eliakim, a lion, “a King”.

“The Lion King”

“Apostle and Special Messenger”

“Eliakim”

The first was like a lion, and had eagle's wings: I beheld till the wings thereof were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth, and made stand upon the feet as a man, and a man's heart was given to it. - Daniel 7:4

God Never Changes, He Always Raises or Sends a Messenger First.

The Message is :

“You Haven’t Been Taking God at “His Word”

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Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain. - 1 Corinthians 9:24

Ye did run well; who did hinder you that ye should not obey the truth? This persuasion *cometh* not of him that calleth you. - Galatians 5:7-8

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