

"HOW TO BE; COUNTED WORTHY"

“Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man" (Luke 21:36).



Today, in this 21st Century, we must be on guard to be accounted worthy to be in God's Kingdom. Not everyone that proclaims to be a Christian will be protected from the coming tribulation. All of us must fulfil the word of Jesus, when He shows us how to be worthy. God's word says, "Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in His holy place? He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation (Ps 24:3-5).

It is important that we read the words of God to be able to understand the wisdom and knowledge He gives us to do His will. "Truly God is good to Israel, even to such as are of a clean heart" (Ps 73:1). In Isa 66:1-2, God says, "Thus saith the LORD, The heaven is My throne, and the earth is My footstool: where is the house that ye build unto Me? and where is the place of My rest? For all those things hath Mine hand made, and all those things have been, saith the LORD: but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembles at My word."

What does God require of us? David in the Psalms says, "For Thou desire not sacrifice; else would I give it: Thou delight not in burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise" (Ps 51:16-17).

God is not looking for the high and mighty! He is looking for those of who truly believe His words. He is also looking for those who want to obey Him. "The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, and His ears are open unto their cry. The face of the LORD is against them that do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth. The righteous cry, and the LORD hears, and delivers them out of all their troubles. The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saves such as be of a contrite spirit" (Ps 34:15-18). The Psalms are full of verse that tells us what God is looking for in those who will be accounted worthy to escape the great tribulation.

In Isa 57:15-16, David says, "For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones. For I will not contend for ever, neither will I be always wroth: for the spirit should fail before Me, and the souls which I have made."

The character of our LORD is shown us in every thing He does. "The LORD is righteous in all His ways, and holy in all His works. The LORD is nigh unto all them that call upon Him, to all that call upon Him in truth. He will fulfil the desire of them that fear Him: He also will hear their cry, and will save them. The LORD preserves all them that love Him: but all the wicked will He destroy" (Ps 145:17-20).

In the New Testament, Christ seeing the multitude, taught them how to live a daily life. Matt 5:1-11, "And

seeing the multitudes, He went up into a mountain: and when He was set, His disciples came unto Him: And He opened His mouth, and taught them, saying, Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God. Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for My sake."

Here is one way to show God, we are willing to obey and do His Words! "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that need not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. But shun profane and vain babbling: for they will increase unto more ungodliness" (2 Tim 2:15-16).

The Apostle Paul told Timothy what to look for in the latter days! This is a warning for us today to be prepared for the coming tribulation. "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, truce breakers, false accusers, incontinent [brutal], fierce, depositors of those that are good, Traitors, heady, high minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof from such turn away. For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth" (2 Tim 3:1-7).

We live in an age and society that does not revere God and Christ! The government has taken all prayers out of schools, taken the 10 Commandments out of the courts, and now even teach that homosexual marriage is legal. Most people today do not fear God and His ways. The prophet Jeremiah shows us they were so evil they did not want anything to do with God and His truth. "Fear ye not me? saith the LORD: will ye not tremble at my presence..... But this people hath a revolting and a rebellious heart; they are revolted and gone" (Jer 5:22-23),



The Apostle John says in 1 John 2:3-4, "And hereby we do know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. He that saith, I know Him, and keepeth not His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him."

But, let Solomon tell us the conclusion for our spiritual life, "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep His commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil" (Eccl 12:13-14).

We all need to be watching, praying and studying God's word to be accounted worthy. 🙏

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