

Fear to Faith

Chapter 6 Lessons from Gideon

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Judges 6 v 28

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Judges 7 v 10

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Judges 7 v `5

Read "There is no fear in love, but perfect love cast out fear because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love".

1 John 4 v 18

Fear of God- Fear of man-The difference!!!

Fear of God

When Annanias and Saphira died

Demonized man overthrew seven sons of Servia

Fear fell upon them and the Lord was magnified

Acts 5 v 11-14

Fear of man

Acts 19 v17

Andrew paralyzed with fear on roof!!

Clem trapped in a metal hospital!!

Fear in Christians -Fear of man is a snare

Proverbs 29 v 25

Fear = a blessing

Blessed is everyone that fears the Lord

Psalms 121 v 8

Thou mighty man of valour.

Chapter 6 v 12

Three mighty men

First the shepherd boy David. I have seen the son of Jesse the Bethlehemite, that is cunning in playing and a mighty valiant man - and a man of war, and prudent in matters, and a comely person, and the lord is with him.

1 Samuel 16 v 18

Jashobeam;

1 Chronicles 11 V 11

Eliazor;

1 Chronicles 11 v 12

Abishie;

1 Chronicles 11 v 20

Eliezer did not make it

1 Chronicles v 22/ 25

Jeroboam

1 Kings 11 v 28

2 Samuel 23 v 8

Not many mighty are called-

1 Corinthians 1 v 26

God uses weak flesh-Earthen vessels.

How are we to judge others?

Shoes? Clean behind their cooker? Clothes?

The height of their stature

1 Samuel 16 v 6/7

I the Lord search the heart...

Jeremiah 17 v 10

Search me O God and see if there be any wicked way in me?

Psalm 139 v 23/24

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Cursed is man that trusts in man that makes the flesh his arm, who departs from the Lord..

Jeremiah 17 v 5

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Great Faith;

Matthew 8 v 10

Little Faith;

Matthew 8 v 26

Stephen full of faith;

Acts 6 v 8

To whom who knows to do good and does it not to him it is sin...

All that is not of faith is sin...

Romans 14 v23

When the Son of man comes will he find faith upon the earth...

Luke 18 v 8

Hast thou considered my servant JOB

Job 2 v 3

Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him: but I will
maintain mine own ways before him; **Job 13 v 15**

And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in
my flesh shall I see God:

Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold,
and not another; though my reins be consumed within me.

Chapter 19 v 26-27

I know whom I have believed..

I know that if worms eat I shall stand before in my body

The preciousness of my body

I hear the sound of Abundance of Rain.... **1 Kings 18 v 41..**

There was no rain

Go again.. Go again Faith says go again

Faith is the substance of things hoped for the evidence of
things not seen... **Hebrews 11 v 1**

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Are we in sin?

Jesus came to the village and could do no mighty works
because of unbelief! **Mark 6 v 5**

Staggering!!!

He upbraided the disciples with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them that had seen him after he was risen. **Mark 16 v 14**

Take heed brethren
lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God **Hebrews 3 v 12**

So many lack faith . They are always grounded
A rocket needs power to lift off. No power no lift off.

Those that wait upon the Lord
shall rise up with wings as eagles. **Isaiah 40 v 29.**

Gutter people in India are below the lowest caste.
Do you ever see an eagle in the gutter?

New York skyscrapers are so high
What floor are you going to choose?
Faith for healing
The Woman who pressed through to touch Jesus.
The man at the pool. The impotent man answered him, Sir,
I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into

the pool: but while I am coming, another steps down before me.

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Matthew 20 v 30

The lepers. And as he entered into a certain village, there met him ten men that were lepers, which stood afar off:

Luke 17 v 12

The raising of Lazarus. These things said he: and after that he said unto them, Our friend Lazarus sleeps; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep.

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Luke 7 v 14

The man with the withered hand.

Matthew 12 v 20

Would to God that my master was with the prophet that was in Israel

2 Kings 5 v 3

¶ Being therefore justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ;

Romans 5 v 1.

But let him ask in faith, nothing doubting: for he that doubteth is like the surge of the sea driven by the wind and tossed

James 1 v 6

Yea, a man will say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: show me thy faith apart from [thy] works, and I by my works will show thee [my] faith.

James 2 v 18

Ye see that by works a man is justified, and not only by faith.

James 2 v 24

Hearken, my beloved brethren; did not God choose them that are poor as to the world [to be] rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he promised to them that love him?

James 2 v 5.

Abraham

For this cause it is of faith, that it may be according to grace; to the end that the promise may 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 v 16

A father of many nations have I made thee) before him whom he believed, even God, who giveth life to the dead, and calls the things that are not, as though they were.

Romans 4v 17

Abraham, against all hope, believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which had been spoken, "So shall thy seed be." **Romans 4 v 18**

And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about a hundred years old, nor yet the deadness of Sarah's womb. **Romans 4 v 19**

He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strong in faith, giving glory to God, **Romans 4 v 20**

Abraham was fully persuaded **Romans 4 v 21**

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Healing

And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. **Matthew 9 v 35**

And they departed, and went through the towns, preaching the gospel, and healing every where. **Luke 9 v 6**

And the people, when they knew it, followed him: and he received them, and spake unto them of the kingdom of God, and healed them that had need of healing. **Luke 9 v 11**

For the man was above forty years old, on whom this miracle of healing was shewed. **Acts 4 v 22**

How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him. **Acts 10 v 38**

To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; **1 Corinthians 12 v 9**

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Elijah.

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Israel;

2 Kings 5 v 3

I believe that Gods heals our bodies for His glory..

I believe that the salvation of the soul is perfect healing.

That to be absent from the body and together with the Lord is far
better

I believe that God allows suffering. That we learn lessons in
suffering that we cannot learn any other way.

I believe that God chastens us.

Hebrews 12 v 7

I believe the power of Gods Word has never diminished.

Hebrews 4 v 12

No sickness in Paradise. No sickness in heaven

Jesus Christ was never sick.

Tired yes, tempted yes, he suffered yes, but never sick or
diseased.

Testimony of MosesHis strength was unabated after 40 years
in the wilderness.

He has compassion us

Testimonies of raising the dead in the Old Testament. Elijah and
Elisha both raised the sons to life

The testimony of the apostles

Stephen

Acts 6 v 8

Phillip. Miracles he did

Acts 8 v 6

Peter and John Silver and gold have I none.

Acts 3 v 6.

Because God has made provision for our healing in the oil

James 5 v 19

I am the Lord that healeth thee. If we fulfil the conditions.

Conditional

Exodus 15

By my stripes ye are healed. He bore our sickness at Calvary .
With his stripes we are healed those 39 stripes were for our
healing.

Isaiah 53 v 5

Some mysteries explained.

Healing for Gods Glory. Man blind from birth John 9 Not sin.

But much sickness is directly associated connected with sin. Open sin, secret sin, sins of omission, sins of commission, sins of pride, sins of uncleanness, sins of fear, sins of covetousness, and idol worship, all that is not of faith is sin.

And Asa in the thirty and ninth year of his reign was diseased in his feet, until his disease was exceeding great: yet in his disease he sought not to the Lord, but to the physicians. 2 Chronicles 16 v 12

Herod eaten up of worms

And immediately the angel of the Lord smote him, because he gave not God the glory: and he was eaten of worms, and gave up the ghost. Acts 12 v 23

Healing necessary because of sin.

Man at pool. Go and sin no more

Woman caught in adultery

She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more. John 8 v 11

Healing needed because of the devil .

Lo Satan has bound her these eighteen years Luke 13 v 16

Healing needed because of self inflicted injuries. Cause and effect.

Hand in the fire

Healing needed because of a spirit. Lust of eyes. Overeating. Spirit of fear. Spirit of infirmity

Healing needed because of God's chastisement. Whom he loves he chastens for their good. This is remedial and not judgmental

Remedy confession/ Repentance/ and forsaking of sin

Healing needed because of Gods judgement-

Anannia's Safaris lied to Holy Ghost.

Acts 5 v 5 v 10

Many are sick sleep not discerning the Lords body

For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

1 Corinthians 11 v 29

I will restore health unto thee, I will heal thee of thine wounds.

I shall not die but live

Jeremiah 34 v 4

God gave Hezekiah 15 more Years when he wept

2 Kings 20 v 6

His Word is health to our navel

Proverbs 4 v 20-23

The Lord delivers us from all afflictions

Psalms 34 v 17

Is any Afflicted ? Let him Pray.

James 5 v 19

Sacrifice

The first sacrifice

By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh. Hebrews 11 v 4

Israel

An altar of earth thou shalt make unto me, and shalt sacrifice thereon thy burnt offerings, and thy peace offerings, thy sheep, and thine oxen: in all places where I record my name I will come unto thee, and I will bless thee.

Exodus 20 v 24

And they said, The God of the Hebrews hath met with us: let us go, we pray thee, three days' journey into the desert, and sacrifice unto the LORD our God; lest he fall upon us with pestilence, or with the sword.

Exodus 5 v 3

A spotless Lamb

And the other lamb shalt thou offer at even: as the meat offering of the morning, and as the drink offering thereof, thou shalt offer it, a sacrifice made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD. Numbers 28 v 8

Before anointing

And call Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show thee what thou shalt do: and thou shalt anoint unto me him whom I name unto thee.

Isaiah 16 v 3

Christians

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

Romans 12 v 1

Disciples

God is the LORD, which hath showed us light: bind the sacrifice with cords, even unto the horns of the altar.

Psalms 118 v 27

Then Jacob offered sacrifice upon the mount, and called his brethren to eat bread: and they did eat bread, and tarried all night in the mount.

Genesis 31 v 54

Danger

But if any man say unto you, This is offered in sacrifice unto idols, eat not for his sake that shewed it, and for conscience sake: for the earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof:

1 Corinthians 10 v 28

And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet smelling savour.

Ephesians 5 v 2

Yea, and if I be offered upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I joy, and rejoice with you all. **Philippians 2 v 17**

Gifts

But I have all, and abound: I am full, having received of Ephapoditus the things which were sent Romans m you, an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, well pleasing to God. **Philippians 4 v 18**

Christ Sacrifice

Who needeth not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's: for this he did once, when he offered up himself. **Hebrews 7 v 27**

For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. **Hebrews 9 v 26**

Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou would not, but a body hast thou prepared me:

Hebrews 10 v 5

But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;

Hebrews 10 v 12

Praise

By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name. **Hebrews 13 v 15**

Suffering

Adam and Eve

Walked and talked with God in paradise Yet when they sinned they were cast out and the ground was cursed. Gen 3 17

Egyptians

For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the LORD.

Exodus 12 v 12

Nadab and Ahabu

And Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took either of them his censer, and put fire therein, and put incense thereon, and offered strange fire before the LORD, which he commanded them not. And there went out fire from the LORD, and devoured them, and they died before the LORD. Lev 10 v 2

If I whet my glittering sword, and mine hand take hold on judgment; I will render vengeance to mine enemies, and will reward them that hate me. Deut 32 v 41

Solomon

And God said unto him, Because thou hast asked this thing, and hast not asked for thyself long life; neither hast asked riches for thyself, nor hast asked the life of thine enemies; but hast asked for thyself understanding to discern judgment.

1 Kings 3 v 11

Job

Had a long talk with God regarding judgment. For he is not a man, as I am, that I should answer him, and we should come together in judgment. . Job 9 v 32

Judgement in the New Testament

But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land? While it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God. And Ananias hearing these words fell down, and gave up the ghost: and great fear came on all them that heard these things. And the young men arose, wound him up, and carried him out, and buried him. And it was about the space of three hours after, when his wife, not knowing what was done, came in. And Peter answered unto her, Tell me whether ye sold the land for so much? And she said, Yea, for so much. Then Peter said unto her, How is it that ye have agreed together to tempt the Spirit of the Lord? behold, the feet of them which have buried thy husband are at the door, and shall carry thee out. Then fell she down straightway at his feet, and yielded up the ghost: and the young men came in, and found her dead, and, carrying her forth, buried her by her husband.

Rev 5 v 3

King Herod

And Herod was highly displeased with them of Tyre and Sidon: but they came with one accord to him, and, having made Blastus the king's chamberlain their friend, desired peace; because their country was nourished by the king's country.

And upon a set day Herod, arrayed in royal apparel, sat upon his throne, and made an oration unto them. And the people gave a shout, saying, It is the voice of a god, and not of a man. And immediately the angel of the Lord smote him, because he gave not God the glory: and he was eaten of worms, and gave up the ghost.

Christians not discerning the Lord s body

For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep.

Works are Judged

If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward.

If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.

Defile the Temple

Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are. 1 Cor 3 v 16

Saints shall judge

Dare any of you, having a matter against another, go to law before the unjust, and not before the saints? Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world? and if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters? Know ye not that we shall judge angels? How much more things that pertain to this life? If then ye have judgments of things pertaining to this life, set them to judge who are least esteemed in the church.

1 Cor 6 v 3

Holiness

Luke 1 v 75 In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life.

The purpose in Chastening?

Hebrews 12:10 For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness.

The aged women

Tit 2:3 The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things;

Ex 15:11 Who is like unto thee, O LORD, among the gods? who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?

Hebrews 12:14 Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:

Romans 6:19 I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness.

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Israel was Holiness

Jer 2 v 3 2 Israel was holiness unto the LORD, and the firstfruits of his increase: all that devour him shall offend; evil shall come upon them, saith the LORD.

AaRomans n the High Priest

Ex 28:36 And thou shalt make a plate of pure gold, and grave upon it, like the engravings of a signet, HOLINESS TO THE LORD.

Eph 4:24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. Eph 4:24 And that ye put on the

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The purpose of Chastening

“Those whom I love I rebuke
So be earnest and repent.

Revelation 3 v 19

These are word of Jesus when addressing the seven churches.

During my upbringing through the Second World War discipline was common both at school and at home and I would often get a clip round the ear if I disobeyed my parents. This was painful but effective but it was done in love to protect me from harm and I knew I had to ask my parents forgiveness.

In the days we are now living in discipline has been put on the back burner. The world is full of liberalism and conforms to man’s human rights leaving behind a society full of sick and destructive individuals. Both my wife and I found during the upbringing of our children that they responded positively to discipline

I was brought up in the trauma of World War Two and my father used to clip my ear if I strayed from the narrow way . Painful but effective.

Of course in these days of liberalism and human rights discipline has gone out of the window leaving a trail of destruction by vandals and hoodlums .

What is its purpose ? Endurance

If ye endure hardship as, discipline God is dealing with you as sons. For what son is not disciplined by his Father. Hebrews 12 v 7

Though our salvation God has a perfect plan for our lives and He requires perfection .

Matthew 5 v 48 Be ye therefore perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Beneficial effects.

But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons. Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live?

Hebrews 12 v 8

Holiness

For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness.

Hebrews 12 v 10

Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.

Lift up your hands

Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees;

Hebrews 12 v 12

Be healed

And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed. Hebrews 12 v 13

Are you happy ?

Behold, happy is the man whom God corrected: therefore despise not thou the chastening of the Almighty: Job 5 v 17

Do not despise.

My son, despise not the chastening of the LORD; neither be weary of his correction:

Proverbs 3 v 11

LORD, in trouble have they visited thee, they poured out a prayer when thy chastening was upon them. Isaiah 26 v 16

Heb 12 v 5 And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him:

It brings forth its own fruit!!1

Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.

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Notes No corporal punishment

Liberalism today

When I was in school 60 years ago corporal punishment was normal. If you committed a demenor and you were caught out you expected to take the punishment . Six of the best was the normal thing. That is the use of the cane across the hand or buttocks.

Example of God's chastisements are everywhere in the Bible. the Word of God. Hezekiah was very ill and thought he was dying. He turned his face to the wall and prayed A merciful God granted his request as Hezekiah had obviously learnt his lesson. God granted him his request and gave him 15 more years of life.

Apostasy

Bible notes by Tony Daly

What does the Spirit say?

2 Timothy 4 v 1.

Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times, some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of

devils. Many mature Christians believe that we are living in the last days with all the signs of the times evident around us.

Revelation 3 v 5. The Lord Jesus (speaking to the churches") said, "He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment, and I will not blot out his name from the book of life.

This shows us clearly that it is possible for names to be deleted. Names that have already been written in the Lambs book of Life

The danger of sinning wilfully!

Hebrews 10 v 26. For if we sin wilfully, after we have received the Knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins.

After we have received indicates that these are believers.

Hebrews 10 v 29. "Wherewith he was sanctified".
Can there be an un sanctified believer?

Hebrews 10 v 39. Teaches us that there are some
"Who will draw back unto perdition".

Luke 9 v 62. Jesus said
No man having put his hand to the plough and looking back is fit for the kingdom of God

The Impossibility

Hebrews 6 v 4

This scripture tells of the impossibility, of those who were

1/once enlightened

2/ and have tasted the heavenly gift,

3/ and were partakers of the Holy Ghost

4/ who have tasted the good word of God

5/ and the powers of the world to come, if they should fall away....

It is impossible to renew them again unto repentance, seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to open shame.

How awful apostasy is!!

2 Peter 2 20

"For if, after they have escaped the pollution's of this world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are entangled therein and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than after they had know it, to turn from the Holy Commandments delivered unto them.

John 15 v 5

The branch that beareth not fruit is gathered and burned.

Christians are those branches abiding in the vine! God requires fruit!

Hebrews 6 v 7/8. For the earth which drinketh in the rain that cometh oft upon it, and bringeth forth herbs, meet for them buy whom it is dressed receiveth blessing from God... But them which beareth thorns and briers is rejected and is nigh unto cursing, who's end is to be burned.

In the parable of the Sower, the Lord Jesus tells us that some seed falls among thorns and thistles and it chokes the Word.. The cares and deceitfulness of riches choke the Word and it becomes unfruitful

Math 13 v 22

The wheat and tares look alike, and grow together until the harvest. The tares are gathered and burned.

The test of Christianity is fruit, for by their fruits ye shall know them..

The Danger of Falling

1 Cor 10 v 12.

Wherefore, let him that thinketh he standeth, take heed lest he fall

Hebrews 4 v 11

Let us (Christians) therefore labour to enter into that rest, Lest any man fall, after the same example of unbelief.

The Need for Total Obedience

Mathew 7 v 21

Not everyone that sayeth to me Lord, Lord shall enter into the Kingdom of Heaven, but he that doeth the will of My Father.....

1 John 2 v 4

He that saith I know him and keepeth not his commandments is a liar and the truth is not in him.

2 Thess 1 v 8.

When the Lord Jesus comes in flaming fire he will take vengeance on them that know not God and obey the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of our Lord.

And every one that heareth these words of mine and doeth them not shall be likened unto a foolish man which built his house upon the sand and the rain came and the wind blew and beat upon the house and great was the fall of it.

Mathew 7 v 29

A warning to preachers

The Apostle Paul said, I keep my body under and bring it unto subjection, lest by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be cast away.

1 Corinthians 9 v 27

A warning to the righteous man

When a righteous man doth turn from his righteousness and commit iniquity and I lay a stumblingblock before him, he shall die, Ezekiel 3 v 20

Be not high minded but fear, for if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee.

Romans 11 v 21

A warning to liars!

If we say we have fellowship with him and walk in darkness, we lie and do not the truth.

1 John 1 v 6

He that saith he is in the light and hateth his brother is in darkness even till now.

1 John 1 v 9

Some disciples who walked away

And from that time many of the disciples went back and walked no more with Him....

John 6 v 66

"For many walk of whom I have told you often and tell you now even weeping that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ"

Philippians 3 v 18

Jesus plainly stated, "That no man, having put his hand to the plough looking back is fit for the Kingdom of God.

Luke 9 v 62

"I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how the Lord having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterwards destroyed them that believed not.

Jude 1 v 5

That they could not enter because of unbelief...

Hebrews 3 v 19

Danger of false apostles and deceitful workers

Many will say unto me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name, and in thy name cast out devils, and in thy name done many wonderful works, and then I will profess to them, I never knew you, depart from me ye that work iniquity.

Matthew 7 v 22

And no marvel; for Satan is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.

2 Corinthians 11 v 14

And many false prophets shall arise and deceive many.

Matthew 24 v 11

Beloved believe not every spirit whether they are of God because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

1 John 4 v 1

Last days- Endurance required

Because iniquity shall abound the love of many shall grow cold but he that endureth to the end shall be saved.

Matthew 24 v 12

In the last days, if it were possible, "Even the very elect would be deceived.

Matthew 24 v 24

Faith required

Now the just shall live by faith, but if any man draw back, my souls shall have no pleasure in him. Hebrews 10 v 8

Holding faith and a good conscience, which some having put away concerning faith, have made shipwreck. 1 Timothy 1 v 19

Folk's, who are ever learning and never come to knowledge of the truth, are reprobate concerning the faith. 2 Timothy 3 v 8

But Christ as a son over his own house, whose house are we, "If we hold fast, the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm, unto the end. Hebrews 3 v 6

For we are made then partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence, steadfast unto the end. Hebrews 3 v 14

See that you refuse him not that speaketh, for if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall we not escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven. Hebrews 12 v 25

But with many of them God was not well pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness. 1 Cor 10 v 5

When an unclean spirit is gone out of a man and he walketh in dry places seeking rest and findeth none. Then said he, "I will return to my house from whence he is come, and findeth it empty swept and garnished. Then goeth he and taketh with him seven, more spirits wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there, and the last state of that man is worst than the first. Matthew 12 v 43/45

God's warning to the brethren.

Take heed brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God. **Heb 3 v 12**

2 Peter 3 v 17

Ye therefore beloved seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also be away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness.

Lessons from Esau

Who sold his birthright for a morsels of meat.

For ye know that afterward, when he would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears. **Hebrews 12 v 16**

Serious warnings in God's Word for believers

If any man defile the temple him God will destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are! **1 Corinthians 3 v 17.**

Also;
Without holiness no man shall see the Lord. **Hebrews 12 v 14.**

Paul prays that our bodies would be preserved blameless

And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ . **1 Thessalonians 5 v 23**

Also addressed to the beloved! Wherefore beloved seeing that you look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot and blameless. **2 Peter 3 v 14**

We must hold fast to our faith.

Hebrews 4 v 14

Seeing then, that we have not a great high priest that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God let us hold fast our profession.

Jesus said. Behold I come quickly; hold fast that which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.

Revelation 3 v 11

Therefore brethren, Stand fast hold fast the traditions which ye have been taught whether by word or by our epistle.

2 Thessalonians 2 v 15

Paul declared.

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.

2 Timothy 4 v 7

God promises to rewards those who are faithful in a few things. The lesson of the parable of the talents is surely that we must bring forth fruit. Without fruit the servant is cast out and there shall be a weeping and a wailing and a gnashing of teeth.

Matthew 13

To those who overcome?

Why must we overcome if there is no danger of losing our salvation!

No we must press on towards the mark for the prize of the high calling in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3 v 14

