

Our Need Of Endurance

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God's word tells us "For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise" (Hebrews 10:36). We must faithfully endure the rest of our lives in doing the will of God if we expect to go to Heaven. Jesus says, "He who endures to the end will be saved" (Matthew 10:22). We cannot afford to give up our eternal reward of Heaven.

Jesus is only the "rewarder of those who diligently seek Him" (Hebrews 11:6). We must "Hold fast what you have, that no one take your crown" (Revelation 3:11), and be "even more diligent to make your calling and election sure" (2 Peter 1:10). We should "not cast away your confidence, which has great reward" (Hebrews 10:35). "Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away" (Hebrews 2:1). We are to "work out your own salvation with fear and trembling" (Philippians 2:12). Our salvation is a very serious matter. "Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall" (1 Corinthians 10:12). "But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed" (Hebrews 10:39 ESV).

How do we endure to the end? We must lay "aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us" (Hebrews 12:1). To do this we are to "be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord" (1 Corinthians 15:58). Jesus has promised, "Be faithful until death and I will give you the crown of life" (Revelation 2:10). "Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest" (Hebrews 4:11).