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Feast of Tabernacles Day Five: Faith to be in Kingdom of God

Hello. Thank you for joining us today. My name is Tom Laign with Sabbath Bible Study. We are keeping the Feast of Tabernacles because one day we want to be part of the Kingdom of God. We see this feast as an appetizer for what the Kingdom of God will be like. During this feast we have been studying the many things we will need in order to be part of the Kingdom of God and today we will look at faith. To be part of that future kingdom, we must have faith. Faith helps get us through the rough parts of life including those rough parts of life that are designed by Satan to disrupt our spiritual potential.

Between now and the Kingdom of God we know there will be a rough period of time called the great tribulation, and faith will be needed to endure. In the Book of Revelation, the saints who endure are described as keeping the commandments of God and having the faith of Jesus. Revelation fourteen verse nine.

### **Revelation 14:9-13**

**9. And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand,**

**10. The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:**

**11. And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.**

**12. Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.**

**13. And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.**

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Today, it seems like faith is the exception and not the rule among people on earth. Living in a world that relies on science where the value of faith is minimized, we know we must still have faith. Jesus gave a parable about an unrighteous judge who gave in and helped a widow get justice so he would not be bothered. He used that parable to show there is a benefit for people to cry out to God, day and night whenever they have need, and then Jesus asked a rhetorical question, would He find faith on earth when He returns? Luke eighteen verse one.

### **Luke 18:1-8**

- 1. And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint;**
- 2. Saying, There was in a city a judge, which feared not God, neither regarded man:**
- 3. And there was a widow in that city; and she came unto him, saying, Avenge me of mine adversary.**
- 4. And he would not for a while: but afterward he said within himself, Though I fear not God, nor regard man;**
- 5. Yet because this widow troubleth me, I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.**
- 6. And the Lord said, Hear what the unjust judge saith.**
- 7. And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them?**
- 8. I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?**

We might expect the people of this world to be without faith, but Jesus was speaking about His elect, those who we would consider to be of the faith today. Imagine the irony if the people of faith were a people without faith. That is the dilemma Jesus is addressing. We cannot be people of the faith who are also a people without faith. We must be of the faith and be people of faith if we want to be in the Kingdom of God.

Having faith means we might not have all the answers like a scientist might have. Science is about determining what can be proven and faith is something much different. Faith is about believing even when there is no scientific proof. When others might look to any source of information to make decisions in their life, while we might look to those same sources of information to make decisions in

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our life, we also go beyond what can be understood by the five senses and also make decisions in our life based on faith. Second Corinthians five verse one.

### **2 Corinthians 5:1-7**

- 1. For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.**
- 2. For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven:**
- 3. If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked.**
- 4. For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life.**
- 5. Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing is God, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit.**
- 6. Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord:**
- 7. For we walk by faith, not by sight:**

If we want to be in the Kingdom of God, we must have faith. Nothing we will do of or by ourselves will earn our spot in this kingdom. We are saved by grace through faith. In other words, in order to have forgiveness of sins which gives us the gift of eternal life, we must have faith. Without faith, there can be no forgiveness of sins, nor will there be eternal life in the Kingdom of God. For now, we are to do good works, like Jesus Christ. Ephesians two verse one.

### **Ephesians 2:1-10**

- 1. And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;**
- 2. Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:**
- 3. Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.**
- 4. But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,**
- 5. Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, by grace ye are saved;**

- 6. And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:**
- 7. That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.**
- 8. For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:**
- 9. Not of works, lest any man should boast.**
- 10. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.**

The faith that we have which is needed to be in the Kingdom of God must come through the power of God and not through other people. There is no person on earth who can compare to God the Father. Among the people we see there might be many who are considered powerful and influential, but God does not want us to derive faith through them. Instead, the faith we are to have to be in the Kingdom of God must come through the power of God. First Corinthians two verse one.

### **1 Corinthians 2:1-5**

- 1. And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God.**
- 2. For I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.**
- 3. And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling.**
- 4. And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:**
- 5. That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.**

If we want to be in the Kingdom of God, we must have faith, and for that faith to be something more than in name only, our faith must come with works. Those works do not save us as eternal life is a gift of God, but those works do confirm our commitment to the faith. If we believe through faith, we are to do certain things and not do other certain things, then we need to do those certain things while not doing those other certain things. If we believe through faith, we are to do certain things and not do other certain things, and we ignore what we are to do and not to do, what we believe is useless because all that will happen is to

maintain the status quo. Nothing for us would ever change if we had faith without works, but if we have faith with works, what will happen for us in the future will be different than what we face today, because we are working to change the status quo. Faith is much more than belief, because even the demons believe and tremble, but they do not hold their belief in faith. James two verse fourteen.

### **James 2:14-26**

**14. What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him?**

**15. If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food,**

**16. And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit?**

**17. Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.**

**18. Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.**

**19. Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.**

**20. But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?**

**21. Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar?**

**22. Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect?**

**23. 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.**

**24. Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only.**

**25. Likewise also was not Rahab the harlot justified by works, when she had received the messengers, and had sent them out another way?**

**26. For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.**

If we want to be part of the Kingdom of God, we know we must overcome, but, in order to overcome, we must first have faith. That faith will lead us with works to keep the commandments. If we through faith cannot keep the commandments, then it is unlikely we would have genuine love for the brethren. First John five verse one.

### **1 John 5:1-4**

- 1. Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and everyone that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him.**
- 2. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments.**
- 3. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.**
- 4. For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.**

Faith is something we are to have if we want to be in the Kingdom of God, and it is something worth fighting for. Now, we do not fight in physical terms. We do not have physical altercations or bring harm to ourselves or others, but mentally and spiritually we will fight, and the enemy we will face every day is our own mind, which is subject to human limitations and frailties. When we are tired and exhausted, we must fight to have faith. When we are sick and mentally taxed, we must fight to have faith. When everything is going great and we seemingly have need of nothing, we must fight to have faith, because without faith we cannot lay hold on eternal life. The idea that we must lay hold on eternal life means it is something not yet fully certain for us. Eternal life is something and the faith we must have is something we mentally and spiritually fight for. We need to live our lives so that when others look at us and consider who we are they would think we are decent people. They might not agree with us on anything, but we cannot live our lives where people cannot find any good that we do. First Timothy six verse eleven.

### **1 Timothy 6:11-16**

- 11. But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.**
- 12. Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.**
- 13. I give thee charge in the sight of God, who quickeneth all things, and before Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate witnessed a good confession;**
- 14. That thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ:**
- 15. Which in his times he shall shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords;**

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**16. Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen.**

If we want to be in the Kingdom of God, we must keep the faith. Faith is not something that we have at one point in our life, and then put it on a shelf, as if we don't need it at that moment in our life. Faith is something that must be part of who we are throughout our life, even during times when things are going so well for us that all would assume God is blessing us. At all times during our life and especially as our life comes to an end, we must know that we have kept the faith, and when our physical life comes to an end, through faith we will await our crown of righteousness. Second Timothy four verse one.

### **2 Timothy 4:1-8**

- 1. I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom;**
- 2. Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.**
- 3. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;**
- 4. And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.**
- 5. But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.**
- 6. For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.**
- 7. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:**
- 8. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.**

If we want to be in the Kingdom of God that will be established at the return of Jesus Christ, we must live our physical life now by faith. That means we keep the commandments and otherwise live our life in such a manner that other people even though they may disagree with our beliefs would still see us as good people. We cannot live our lives contrary to the commandments or live our life in a way that brings dishonor to what Jesus taught because when we do that, we frustrate the grace of God. Galatians two verse fifteen.

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### **Galatians 2:15-21**

**15. We who are Jews by nature, and not sinners of the Gentiles,**

**16. Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.**

**17. But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is therefore Christ the minister of sin? God forbid.**

**18. For if I build again the things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor.**

**19. For I through the law am dead to the law, that I might live unto God.**

**20. I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.**

**21. I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.**

If we want to be in the Kingdom of God, we must live by faith. If we live by faith we will keep the commandments, but it is possible to keep the commandments without having faith. Keeping the commandments without faith will not get us into the Kingdom of God. We must have faith to be in the Kingdom of God, and it is through faith our sins are forgiven. Galatians three verse ten.

### **Galatians 3:10-20**

**10. For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is everyone that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them.**

**11. But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith.**

**12. And the law is not of faith: but, The man that doeth them shall live in them.**

**13. Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is everyone that hangeth on a tree:**

**14. That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.**

**15. Brethren, I speak after the manner of men; Though it be but a man's covenant, yet if it be confirmed, no man disannulleth, or addeth thereto.**



**16. Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ.**

**17. And this I say, that the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect.**

**18. For if the inheritance be of the law, it is no more of promise: but God gave it to Abraham by promise.**

**19. Wherefore then serveth the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator.**

**20. Now a mediator is not a mediator of one, but God is one.**

Even in the Old Testament, it was understood of the need to live by faith. That means everything we do is done because it aligns to what we believe. There should be nothing we do that is not in alignment with what we believe, and we know the Kingdom of God will be established when Jesus returns. Habakkuk two verse one.

#### **Habakkuk 2:1-4**

**1. I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what he will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am reproved.**

**2. And the Lord answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it.**

**3. For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.**

**4. Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith.**

If we want to be in the Kingdom of God, when our faith is tried, we must remain faithful. That means from time to time we will be given opportunities in both good and bad times to show that we really believe what we believe because we live our lives in public and in private not changing who we are. Faith that is proven is more valuable to God than gold and other precious metals. Faith that is proven will last forever. First Peter one verse three.

### **1 Peter 1:3-9**

- 3. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,**
- 4. To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,**
- 5. Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.**
- 6. Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations:**
- 7. That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:**
- 8. Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:**
- 9. Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.**

If we want to be in the Kingdom of God, we must have faith because the promises that were given are dependent upon faith. The promises given to Abraham are not dependent upon descendants but is dependent upon faith. If Abraham only had need for descendants there would be no need for faith. Because the promises are dependent upon faith, we have forgiveness of sin made available to us and to all who believe. Because of faith, the promises made to Abraham are no longer limited to his descendants, but to all who through faith believe and keep the commandments. Romans four verse thirteen.

### **Romans 4:13-25**

- 13. For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith.**
- 14. For if they which are of the law be heirs, faith is made void, and the promise made of none effect:**
- 15. Because the law worketh wrath: for where no law is, there is no transgression.**
- 16. 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,**

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- 17. As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations, before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.**
- 18. Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations; according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be.**
- 19. And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sara's womb:**
- 20. He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God;**
- 21. And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.**
- 22. And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness.**
- 23. Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him;**
- 24. But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead;**
- 25. Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.**

Faith itself is what we hope for but do not yet possess. Even though we weren't around when God created the heavens and earth, we through faith understand that it was God who created the heavens and earth. Through faith so many wonderful things were done by people whose names are recorded in the Bible. If we want to be part of the Kingdom of God, we must live our lives today so that today if God ever extended Hebrews eleven how we live our lives today would be worthy to be included. Hebrews eleven verse one.

#### **Hebrews 11:1-7**

- 1. Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.**
- 2. For by it the elders obtained a good report.**
- 3. Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.**
- 4. 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.**

**5. 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.**

**6. 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.**

**7. By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.**

If we want to be part of the Kingdom of God, we must live our life today much like Noah who lived his life during a time when mankind had forgotten about God. With God living forever and mankind having limited physical lives, God always knew He would outlive mankind. Genesis six verse one.

#### **Genesis 6:1-22**

**1. And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them,**

**2. That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose.**

**3. And the Lord said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.**

**4. There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown.**

Even though it was God who lived forever and mankind who lived a limited time on earth, that limited time spent on earth was a time of wickedness and evil, and it came to the point that mankind focused on what was evil, not what was good. Only Noah was different in the eyes of God. Verse five.

**5. And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.**

**6. And it repented the Lord that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.**

**7. And the Lord said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them.**

**8. But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.**

**9. These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God.**

**10. And Noah begat three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.**

**11. The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence.**

**12. And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth.**

God realized that mankind had become so evil the only solution was to kill all but Noah and his family. He gave Noah the responsibility to build an ark to preserve the lives of Noah and his family along with the animals that God would have Noah save. Even though there was no indication of a great impending flood, Noah did everything God told him to do. Verse thirteen.

**13. And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth.**

**14. Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch.**

**15. And this is the fashion which thou shalt make it of: The length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits, the breadth of it fifty cubits, and the height of it thirty cubits.**

**16. A window shalt thou make to the ark, and in a cubit shalt thou finish it above; and the door of the ark shalt thou set in the side thereof; with lower, second, and third stories shalt thou make it.**

**17. And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein is the breath of life, from under heaven; and everything that is in the earth shall die.**

**18. But with thee will I establish my covenant; and thou shalt come into the ark, thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons' wives with thee.**

**19. And of every living thing of all flesh, two of every sort shalt thou bring into the ark, to keep them alive with thee; they shall be male and female.**

**20. Of fowls after their kind, and of cattle after their kind, of every creeping thing of the earth after his kind, two of every sort shall come unto thee, to keep them alive.**

**21. And take thou unto thee of all food that is eaten, and thou shalt gather it to thee; and it shall be for food for thee, and for them.**

**22. Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he.**

Today and into the future, we must live our lives with the kind of faith that Noah had. We have hope of the Kingdom of God, but we do not yet see the Kingdom of God. It is through faith we will one day become part of the Kingdom of God. Between now and then we might face similar experiences to what Noah faced. Imagine how much ridicule Noah must have taken to build an ark when there was no known threat of a flood. I live in El Paso, Texas which sits at the southern tip of the Rocky Mountains in what is considered a high desert plain hundreds of miles from the nearest ocean. If I started building an ark on my property, I would have code enforcement from the City of El Paso come out to cite me. Beyond that, I would face ridicule from my neighbors, because an ark like the one Noah built is too big to float down the Rio Grande.

Through faith, if we want to be in the Kingdom of God, Daniel tells us we will be strong and do exploits. While we will not bring harm to people and property, we will do whatever is necessary to maintain the faith we must have to be in the Kingdom of God. Daniel eleven verse twenty-nine.

#### **Daniel 11:29-35**

**29. At the time appointed he shall return, and come toward the south; but it shall not be as the former, or as the latter.**

**30. For the ships of Kittim shall come against him: therefore he shall be grieved, and return, and have indignation against the holy covenant: so shall he do; he shall even return, and have intelligence with them that forsake the holy covenant.**

**31. And arms shall stand on his part, and they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength, and shall take away the daily sacrifice, and they shall place the abomination that maketh desolate.**

**32. And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he corrupt by flatteries: but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits.**

**33. And they that understand among the people shall instruct many: yet they shall fall by the sword, and by flame, by captivity, and by spoil, many days.**

**34. Now when they shall fall, they shall be holpen with a little help: but many shall cleave to them with flatteries.**

**35. And some of them of understanding shall fall, to try them, and to purge, and to make them white, even to the time of the end: because it is yet for a time appointed.**

We will do those exploits to maintain faith to be in the Kingdom of God because right now Satan seeks our destruction and will seek to destroy us through great trials, but through faith we will keep the commandments of God and keep the testimony of Jesus Christ. Revelation twelve verse thirteen.

#### **Revelation 12:13-17**

**13. And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child.**

**14. And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.**

**15. And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood.**

**16. And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth.**

**17. And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.**

Even if we should face the future beast and false prophet who will seek for all to have the mark of the beast, we will use exploits to not take that mark so that we will be in the Kingdom of God. Revelation thirteen verse eleven.

#### **Revelation 13:11-18**

**11. And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.**

**12. And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.**

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- 13. And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men,**
- 14. And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.**
- 15. And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.**
- 16. And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:**
- 17. And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.**
- 18. Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six.**

We can consider the words of Paul in writing to the Ephesians who told them that Christ would live in their hearts through faith. As we seek the Kingdom of God through Faith, we must also allow Jesus Christ to dwell in our hearts through faith. Ephesians three verse fourteen.

#### **Ephesians 3:14-21**

- 14. For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,**
- 15. Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,**
- 16. That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;**
- 17. That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,**
- 18. May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;**
- 19. And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.**
- 20. Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,**
- 21. Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.**

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If we want to be in the Kingdom of God, we will have faith, because without faith it is impossible to please God. We must live our lives so that Christ lives in our hearts through faith. Thank you for joining us today. God-willing we'll get together tomorrow on the sixth day of the Feast of Tabernacles. Until then, thank you for joining us today.