

<sup>23</sup>Then when he arrived and witnessed the grace of God, he rejoiced and he encouraged them all to remain faithful to the Lord with a steadfast heart. (Acts 11:23)

<sup>43</sup> ...many of the Jews and of the God-fearing proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas, who, speaking to them, were urging them to continue in the grace of God. (Acts 13:43)

 $^{22}$  strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying, "Through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God." (Acts 14:22)

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### Hebrews 10:32-39

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<sup>32</sup> But remember the former days, when, after being enlightened, you endured a great contest of sufferings, <sup>33</sup> partly by being made a public spectacle through reproaches and tribulations, and partly by becoming sharers with those who were so treated. <sup>34</sup> For you showed sympathy to the prisoners and accepted joyfully the seizure of your property, knowing that you have for yourselves a better possession and an abiding one. <sup>35</sup> Therefore, do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward.

 $^{36}$  For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God, you may receive what was promised.

37 FOR YET IN A VERY LITTLE WHILE, THE COMING ONE WILL COME, AND WILL NOT DELAY.

 $^{\rm 38}\,\rm BUT$  MY RIGHTEOUS ONE SHALL LIVE BY FAITH:

AND IF HE SHRINKS BACK, MY SOUL HAS NO PLEASURE  $\,$  IN HIM.

<sup>39</sup> But we are not of those who shrink back to destruction, but of those who have faith to the preserving of the soul.

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- 1. The Necessity
  - our faith must endure to the end if we are to enter final salvation (cf. Heb. 3:14; 4:11)
  - a lack of endurance in faith will result in God's final judgment ("destruction")

<sup>10</sup> At that time many will fall away and will betray one another and hate one another. <sup>11</sup> Many false prophets will arise and will mislead many. <sup>12</sup> Because lawlessness is increased, most people's love will grow cold. <sup>13</sup> But the one who endures to the end, it is he who shall be saved.
(Matt. 24:10-13)

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#### 2. The Nature

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- to continue in the faith and obedience that comes from living in reliance on Christ and the salvation He has provided
- the "life of faith" conducting one's life by trusting in God's future promise and present power (in Christ); Habakkuk 2:3-4

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### 3. The Outcome

- we receive "the promise" the eternal inheritance, the heavenly homeland/city (Heb. 11:16)
- we will be preserved from the destruction at the final judgment

<sup>6</sup> For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus. (Phil. 1:6)

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