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We have an anchor that works to keep us steadfast in serving the Lord, even though the storms of life pound against us and the current of life tries to pull us away from God! Surely, we would be drifting and lost at sea without this anchor. This anchor, as we have seen throughout this study, is the hope of eternal life in Heaven.

Once again, Hebrews 6:19 says, “This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil.” Through Jesus Christ, the Christian has the great expectation of living eternally with God in Heaven! And, this hope is sure and steadfast. It will not disappoint those who rely on it (as long as they follow the commandments of God).

Think back over the storms of life that are howling all around you. These are the trials and sufferings that people experience while they live on this earth: The deaths of loved ones. Our own impending deaths. Disease. Cancer. Injuries. Surgeries. Paralysis. Disabilities. Alzheimer’s. Tornadoes. Hurricanes. Floods. Layoffs. Firings. Relocations. More bills than money. House fires. Break-ins. Losing relationships. Being hurt by people we love. Divorce. Separations. Abuse.

Ridicule. Accidents. Wars. Temptations to live according to our own desires rather than do the will of God. Persecutions for living a faithful life to Jesus Christ.

Then, think back over the threat that you face from the current that is at work in this world. This is the constant pull and lure of the world away from God. We face this through our relationships, such as our family members, friends, co-workers, classmates, neighbors, etc., who do not live to serve God. We face this through the media, such as television, radio, books, magazines, internet sites, movies, etc., that are trying to plant and cultivate ideas and desires in our minds that are contrary to God. We face this through worldly “wisdom,” such as is gained through some forms of secular education, books, the conversations we have with others, etc., that are trying to teach us to think in ways that go against the wisdom of God. We face this through false religious teaching, such as is seen even within what is called “Christianity,” that tries to convince us that we can have the hope of Heaven without obeying all that is taught in the pages of the Bible. And, we face this through the daily grind of this life, such as dealing with money concerns, family problems, busyness, etc., that tries to distract us from the kind of service we should really be offering to God.

There is so much that is working against us in order to get us away from God. But, if we keep our eyes focused on the eternal salvation that God has promised to those who serve Him faithfully, we will be steadfast and abound in the work of the Lord! After assuring Christians of a future resurrection, Paul told the Corinthian Christians, “But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord” (1 Corinthians 15:57-58)!

Then, listen to Paul in Galatians 6:7-10. “Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.

Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.”

In this final lesson of this series, we want to consider this text in Galatians 6 and learn how we can steadfastly abound in the work of the Lord – in the face of all that we are struggling to overcome. Even in a world that is full of evil, suffering, trials, temptations, and persecutions, it is possible to remain steadfast in serving the Lord Jesus Christ. And, it is possible to even abound in the work of the Lord. But, it all comes back to the anchor of your hope!

We Will Reap What We Sow

The Christian must view the world and his/her decisions in a different way than those who are living for the world. The world views everything through the prism of earthly things. However, the Christian must keep a long-term focus and not get caught up in any particular “moment” on this earth. This is because the Christian knows he/she will reap what is sown.

God is watching

It can be tempting to live our lives on this earth and make decisions based only on what we think is best or based on what we want to do. That is what the people who are living all around us do. However, the Christian must not be so deceived as to think that his/her actions have no consequences.

Again, Paul stated, “Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap” (Galatians 6:7). God will not be ignored. Even though there are many people who conduct their earthly lives thinking that they are getting away with how they are living, they will not escape God.

God is watching. And, He promises that there will be a just reward or punishment. He promises that everyone will be judged. Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 says, “Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, For this is man’s all. For God will bring every work into judgment, Including every secret thing, Whether good or evil.”

On this Day of Judgment, we will all reap according to what we have sown. And, recognize that God does not just know some of the things that we do during our earthly lives. Instead, He knows them all – even the things that we thought were done in secret because our Heavenly Father sees in these secret times (Matthew 6:4). Proverbs 15:3 gives us the following warning: “The eyes of the Lord are in every place, Keeping watch on the evil and the good.”

Therefore, whenever you face the storms of this life that try to sweep you up and carry you into a sea of sin or the current that is gradually working to pull you away from God, recognize that God is watching how you respond. Do not allow yourself to be deceived (by yourself or others) into thinking that God does not know or does not care how you respond. God knows every decision you make, every thought you think, and every word you say. He knows every intent of your heart!

The spirit versus the flesh

We are at war during our lives on this earth, whether we realize it or not. No, this is not a war that is fought with physical weapons on a physical battlefield against a physical enemy. Instead, this is a spiritual war – a war for our souls.

Satan is fighting against us. His allies include those people in this world who are not living for God. The battlefield is our hearts (minds), to see whether God or Satan gets to control them. Whoever controls our hearts will control our lives. Proverbs 4:23 says, “Keep your heart with all diligence, For out of it spring the issues of life.” Satan wants us to focus on the things that are of this world that will please our flesh. However, God wants us to focus on the spiritual things that He has told us about in His word (centering around the hope of eternal salvation in Heaven).

Galatians 5:16-26 helps us to understand the nature of the conflict that we all face. Paul says that “the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish” (verse 17). Those who follow the desires of their flesh produce the sinful works of “adultery,

fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like” (verses 19-21).

In contrast, those who are focused on the spiritual things God has revealed in His word will produce the fruits of “love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control” (verses 22-23). Those who belong to Jesus Christ have committed themselves to living in this way. In fact, Paul said that “those who are Christ’s have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires” (verse 24).

Those of us who are Christians need to view ourselves as members of Christ’s army. We have enlisted in His service. So, we need to view our lives differently than all of the others who are living around us. Rather than living carefree civilian lives, we must focus on winning the war we are engaged in! Therefore, as we face the storms of life and battle against the current, we should view it as a war. 2 Timothy 2:3-4 says, “You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier.”

God will punish

It is important to recognize that we are fighting in this war with battles between the flesh and the spirit as we live our lives on earth because we will reap what we sow. It is interesting and very comforting to note that the outcome of this war is already decided. God wins! And, He will save those who faithfully serve Him. There is victory in Jesus (1 Corinthians 15:57)!

As we must recognize that God wins, that means Satan loses. And, if Satan loses, that means those who follow him and fight on his side will also lose. Remember, as we will reap what we sow, God says, “For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption” (Galatians 6:8).

Therefore, if we respond to the storms of life in a way that pleases our fleshly desires rather than serve God, we should know that we will reap

corruption. And, if we allow the current of life to pull us away from God, we will experience this same corruption. For, after identifying the works of the flesh, God said that those who practice such things “will not inherit the kingdom of God” (Galatians 5:21).

Every Christian who is living on this earth and involved in this spiritual war *must* recognize that if they respond to the storms and current of life in a way that is contrary to the word of truth, they will miss out on Heaven! This is because the “wages of sin is death” (Romans 6:23). It is simply impossible to sow to the flesh and reap the benefits of serving God!

The punishment that God has prepared for such people is unimaginably terrible. Revelation 21:8 depicts this punishment as being in a lake that burns with fire and brimstone. And, just like I believe Heaven will be far greater than we can imagine, I believe that Hell will be much worse than we could ever imagine. Regardless, He has given us the picture of a place of endless suffering in fire and brimstone.

God will reward

Just as it is important to recognize that Satan’s side will lose this war, we must be continually refreshed to recognize that God’s side wins in the end. So, no matter how difficult life on this earth gets, we should take comfort in the victory that is promised through Jesus Christ!

The God who will not be mocked has assured us that “he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life” (Galatians 6:8). As we have studied previously in this series of lessons, this everlasting life in Heaven will make all of the sufferings and trials that we experienced on this earth seem as if they were nothing (Romans 8:18)! Therefore, as we are engaged in this spiritual warfare, God encourages us, “Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses” (1 Timothy 6:12).

As you face the struggles of living for God on this earth and try to do the work of the Lord, you must maintain a confident assurance that God will not allow your service to go unrewarded. Be confident

that you will reap what you sow. Once again, 1 Corinthians 15:58 says, “Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.” Your steadfast, immovable, and always abounding work and labor for God *is not in vain*. It is not worthless!

In fact, it is worth far more than anything this world has ever known! Revelation 14:13 says, “Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, ‘Write: “Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.”’ ‘Yes,’ says the Spirit, ‘that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them.’” The things of this world cease to be of any spiritual benefit to you whenever you die. But, the works that you do in the service of the Lord “follow” you! This is why Jesus has told us that we should store up treasures in Heaven rather than on this earth.

Do Not Grow Weary

There is a Day coming when we will all reap according to what we have sown. God is watching and He will either reward or punish you, depending on whether you chose to fight with Him or against Him during your earthly life. Still, it is easy to become weary and lose heart in the middle of the battle. Sometimes the storms of life seem unbearable and we become weary trying to endure them. Sometimes the current of life pulls against us so often and with such force that we become tired of trying to fight against it. The temptation is strong to let go of our anchors “for just a moment,” until we gain some strength. Then, God reminds us, “And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart” (Galatians 6:9)! But, how can we keep our focus and not grow weary in doing the good things God desires for us to do?

Put on the whole armor of God

God has not left us unprotected in this spiritual warfare. He has given us everything that we need in order to be victorious through Jesus Christ. This includes the right kind and amount of armor so

that we will be able to overcome the assaults of Satan.

Ephesians 6:10-17 explains, “Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

“Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.”

Notice the positive encouragement that God gives us in this passage to assure us that we can be victorious. If we put on this armor we “may be able to stand” against the schemes Satan is using to destroy us (verse 11). If we take up the whole armor of God we “may be able to withstand in the evil day” (verse 13). Again, verse 14 tells us to “stand” by putting on the armor. And, verse 16 says that we will “be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.”

So, we need to put on every single piece of armor in order to achieve this desired outcome of victory. We must put on the truth that God has revealed by believing and obeying it. We must put on righteousness by determining that we will only do those things that are right in the sight of God. We must put on the preparation of the gospel of peace to always be prepared to answer any temptation with Scripture and live in the peace of God that surpasses all understanding. We should put on faith that demonstrates complete confidence in God at every point in our lives. We should put on the hope of salvation that will serve as the anchor for our souls in a world full of evil and suffering. And, we should take the word of God and use it in a way that will

protect us from Satan's attacks as well as in a way that will advance the cause of Jesus Christ in this world!

The devil cannot defeat us if we put on all of this armor. There will be no crack or weakness that he can take advantage of. He will not be able to convince us to believe his lies. He will not be able to get us to pursue our own pleasures above the will of God. He will not be able to get us to doubt in God or in His word. And, he will not be able to distract us by the things of this world. The only way he will be able to defeat us is *if* we do not equip ourselves with a piece of this armor. Then, he will surely exploit the area that is left unprotected and defeat us.

Pray always

In the very next verse in Ephesians 6, Paul says, "praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints" (verse 18). Similar passages include Romans 12:12, saying, "rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer." And, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 says, "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

Prayer is an absolutely indispensable element of living faithfully for the Lord and not growing weary during our earthly lives. You see, although this world can (at times) feel like a lonely place for those who serve God, the reality is that the Christian is never alone. Even if there was no one else who was interested in serving God on this earth, those who are Christians can always find comfort in communicating directly to the Creator of this world, the Sustainer of life, the Provider of all good things, the Judge of all mankind, and the Savior of the world through prayer!

And, this is not some kind of meaningless exercise that just makes us feel good inside, with no other benefit. Instead, the Scriptures promise that God hears the prayers of His people – and these prayers are powerful. James 5:16 says, "Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much."

In fact, the apostle Paul teaches us about one of the benefits we will experience from prayer, in Philippians 4:6-7. "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

Even though there are many challenges that those who are Christians face during their earthly lives, we can experience a kind of peace that no one else experiences when we cast all our cares upon God and make request of Him! Although prayer is not some sort of "Aladdin's lamp" that will always give us whatever we want unconditionally, there is great power in the righteous person praying. And, there is great peace that is produced by knowing that we have entrusted our concerns to the one true and living God who is over all!

Find encouragement in brethren

Although Christians can often feel as if they are all alone in this world, the reality is actually far different than this. Although the number of those who follow God are a minority, it is true that we are part of the family of God and we have brothers and sisters who live on this earth and are also fighting on the winning side of this war! And, like a family, we should lean on each other and help one another be victorious.

We should recognize that our brethren are facing the same difficulties that we are facing. 1 Peter 5:8-9 says, "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world." So, we are not the only ones who are trying to resist the devil and endure the sufferings.

First, we should be helping our brethren who fall. Galatians 6:1 says, "Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted." Sometimes we succumb to the trials and temptations of life and let Satan get the best of us. Thankfully, we

are not alone! We have brothers and sisters in Christ who love us and want to see us go to Heaven who will help us recognize our sin and make the necessary corrections. In doing so, our brethren save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins (James 5:19-20).

Second, we should be helping to bear the burdens that our brethren face. Galatians 6:2 says, “Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.” Our brethren are burdened – just as we are burdened. They are facing some great storms in their lives. And, they are also fighting against the current of this world. But, we should not allow one another to bear these burdens alone! Instead, those who are strong should be helping the weak bear their burdens. And, we should hope that our brethren will help us bear our burdens whenever we are weak. 1 Thessalonians 5:14 instructs, “Now we exhort you, brethren, warn those who are unruly, comfort the fainthearted, uphold the weak, be patient with all.”

Third, we should be exhorting our brethren to live faithfully. Hebrews 3:12-13 says, “Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; but exhort one another daily, while it is called ‘Today,’ lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.” It is not just about being there for our brethren whenever they are experiencing difficult times. Instead, we also need to be building up our brethren every single day! You see, the devil is working to try to get each person to move away from God every day. So, it is only fitting for God’s family to counterbalance those attacks every day with the needed encouragement to live godly in Christ Jesus!

Trust in God

God has done so much for us that we cannot identify it all! Yet, whenever we experience difficult times, the temptation is to put more trust in the things we can see than in God. Therefore, if we want to keep from becoming weary in doing good, we must maintain full trust in God! We must, in the language of 2 Corinthians 5:7, “walk by faith, not by sight.”

Listen to Proverbs 3:5-6. “Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him,

And He shall direct your paths.” Our own understanding often leads us in the wrong directions. And, our own understanding often can only see the physical things. But, if we truly put full trust in Him, He will always direct our paths in ways that are beneficial for us spiritually. Remember, God has promised that all things work together for good to those who love God and are called according to His purpose (Romans 8:28)!

You see, our strength is *not* in ourselves. It must be in the Lord God! Recall that when God spoke of the whole armor of God, we would not be victorious because of *our* strength. Instead, Paul wrote, “be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might” (Ephesians 6:10)! We must trust that He is powerful enough to cause us to be victorious if we will obey what He tells us to do!

But, what about when God does not provide the relief that we feel we need? How do we remain steadfast then? Listen to 2 Corinthians 12:7-10. “And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. And He said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.’ Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ’s sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.”

Satan was trying to get to Paul through this “thorn in the flesh.” No one knows for certain what this was (though many suggest that it was poor eyesight). Regardless, this was such a burden for Paul that he pleaded with the Lord three times concerning it. However, the Lord did not remove it. Instead, God told Paul that His grace was enough and His strength was enough to overcome Paul’s weakness. So, Paul boasted in his infirmity.

In the same kind of way, there will be times when we plead and plead with God to take some kind of suffering away or make something easier on us. Perhaps we think that it is just more than we can bear.

However, even if it is not the will of God to do according to our request, we must trust in God. Trust that His strength is sufficient for overcoming whatever difficulty or struggle you are currently experiencing!

Be Faithful Until Death

Do not lose heart! God has given you everything you need to overcome! Even though it is not always easy, you must not grow so weary in doing good that you give up and give in to the devil's attacks. For, you must remember that you will reap what you sow. Therefore, there is great reward in being faithful to Christ until death!

Do good whenever there is opportunity

After reminding us that we will reap if we do not lose heart, Paul said, "Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith" (Galatians 6:10). Opportunities to live for Jesus are all around us. So, rather than giving in to the pressures of life, we should seize those opportunities and show Jesus Christ working in us!

We should take advantage of our opportunities to do all the good things that God wants us to be doing for others. This includes serving them, praying for them, visiting the sick, the widows, and orphans, helping those we know are in need, etc. And, the best kind of good that we can do for anyone is to help them learn the saving message of the gospel of Jesus Christ! We can and should be working to expose sin in this world and point people to Jesus Christ for the salvation of their souls!

The night is coming

Here is the importance of taking advantage of every opportunity that we have: We never know which opportunity will be our last! Jesus recognized the limited number of opportunities a person has while living on this earth when He said, "I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work" (John 9:4)! So, we must make the best use of the time that we

have on this earth (Ephesians 5:16). We must take full advantage of the opportunities that are presented to us to accomplish God's works – if we truly find them to be worthwhile. And, we should not just *do* the works of God, but abound in them (1 Corinthians 15:58)!

The "night" that is coming when no one can work is one of three things. First, the "night" will come for us whenever our earthly lives end. At this time, we will not have any more opportunity to accomplish the work of God. Second, the "night" will come when those we have opportunity to do good toward die. At this time, we will not be able to do good toward them any longer. Third, the "night" will come for everyone when the Lord Jesus returns from Heaven. At this time, the world will end and all opportunity to do good will be gone. Therefore, since "night" can come at any time, we must work and do good while it is "day"!

There is victory in Jesus

God wins! There is no question about it. God is stronger than all of His enemies – and it is not even close. Therefore, those who choose to live on God's side and remain steadfast in good works will experience an overwhelming victory. We will be more than conquerors through Him who loved us (see Romans 8:37)!

Listen to 1 Corinthians 15:50-58. "Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed— in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: 'Death is swallowed up in victory.' 'O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?' The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the

Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.”

A crown of life is waiting for the faithful

Whenever Jesus addressed the church in Smyrna, He said, “I know your works, tribulation, and poverty (but you are rich); and I know the blasphemy of those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life” (Revelation 2:9-10).

These Christians had been experiencing some difficult times – and it was about to get even more difficult. Please recognize that when Jesus told them to be faithful until death, that death could have been coming sooner rather than later – and by means of being killed for Jesus. But, if they would be faithful for just a little while throughout their earthly lives, there was a crown of life waiting for them in Heaven! And, the same thing is true for us. If we will be faithful to Jesus Christ and accomplish His works during our lives on this earth, we will have that same crown of life in Heaven!

Conclusion

There can be no doubt that we face difficult circumstances, sufferings, persecutions, temptations, etc. while we live on this earth. But, the Christian has an anchor! That anchor is the hope of everlasting life in Heaven. And, that anchor is so strong that it will cause us to endure all the storms and the current of life and steadfastly abound in the work of the Lord. For, we know that our labors in the Lord will not be in vain!

May we all hold fast to that anchor so that when the time for us to depart from this earth comes, we can utter the same words that Paul stated in 2 Timothy 4:6-8. “For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up

for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.”

Study Questions

Describe your struggles against the storms and current of life.

1. We Will Reap What We Sow

How much of your life does God see?

What is the conflict between the flesh and the spirit?

Who will God punish?

Who will God reward?

2. Do Not Grow Weary

How can you be protected against Satan’s attacks?

How will prayer help you live for the Lord?

What help can you find in your brethren?

Why is it so important to trust in God completely – even when He does not provide the relief you ask for?

3. Be Faithful Until Death

How often should you do good to others?

Why should you take advantage of every opportunity to do good?

Where is victory located?

What will be given to those who are faithful until death?