

“Speaking/Living Faith in 2020”

Learning the Kingdom Language of Faith

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The Darkness of 2020 provides us with a perfect illustration to better know God and walk by Faith!

• **We need to rethink some common ideas about God and**

The LORD is a God who avenges. O God who avenges, shine forth.

² Rise up, Judge of the earth; pay back to the proud what they deserve.

³ How long, LORD, will the wicked, how long will the wicked be jubilant?

⁴ They pour out arrogant words; all the evildoers are full of boasting.

⁵ They crush your people, LORD; they oppress your inheritance.

⁶ They slay the widow and the foreigner; they murder the fatherless.

⁷ They say, “The LORD does not see; the God of Jacob takes no notice.”

⁸ Take notice, you senseless ones among the people;

you fools, when will you become wise?

⁹ Does he who fashioned the ear not hear?

Does he who formed the eye not see?

¹⁰ Does he who disciplines nations not punish?

Does he who teaches mankind lack knowledge?

¹¹ The LORD knows all human plans; he knows that they are futile. Psalm 94:1-4

• **The Lord is committed to**

HIS children!

¹² Blessed is the one you discipline, LORD, the one you teach from your law;

¹³ you grant them relief from days of trouble, till a pit is dug for the wicked.

¹⁴ For the LORD will not reject his people; he will never forsake his inheritance.

¹⁵ Judgment will again be founded on righteousness,

and all the upright in heart will follow it.

¹⁶ Who will rise up for me against the wicked?

Who will take a stand for me against evildoers?

¹⁷ Unless the LORD had given me help,

I would soon have dwelt in the silence of death.

¹⁸ When I said, “My foot is slipping,” your unfailing love, LORD, supported me.

¹⁹ When anxiety was great within me, your consolation brought me joy.

²⁰ Can a corrupt throne be allied with you—

a throne that brings on misery by its decrees?

²¹ The wicked band together against the righteous

and condemn the innocent to death.

²² But the LORD has become my fortress

and my God the rock in whom I take refuge.

²³ He will repay them for their sins and destroy them for their wickedness;

the LORD our God will destroy them. Psalm 94:12-23

“Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, ³ because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. ⁴ Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.” James 1:2-4

“In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. ⁷ These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸ Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, ⁹ for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.” 1 Peter 1:6-9

“Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. ³ Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴ perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵ And hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.” Romans 5:1-5

• **Some Lessons Can only be learned through**

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