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Psalm 27:3 *“Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this [will] I [be] confident.”*

The Psalmist expressed his confidence that even though he was surrounded, he would not fear. Though there was a war against him, he would be confident. He knew that no matter what was against him, he would be victorious because of the LORD.

We too can have this same confidence. There will be people and sin rising up against us. We’ll face opposition to the truth contained in God’s word. We know that no matter who opposes us and the truth, it matters not with the LORD on our side.

Paul wrote in Romans 8:31, *“What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?”* When God is for us, no one can be against us. There will be opposition, but it will come to naught. Nothing can be victorious against the LORD and His people.

We see more and more how the world opposes the Bible and the plain teachings therein. The truth is pushed against by those in power

and influence. This is no surprise. In II Timothy 3:13 we are told, *“But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.”* What can we do with the world becoming worse? We are told in the next verse, II Timothy 3:14, *“But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned [them].”*

We cannot continue in something if we are not in it to begin with. If we are not living for the LORD and following Him, we will be overcome by sin. The LORD will not be for us, but against us. If the LORD is against us, there is no one to whom we can turn. We need to turn to the LORD to be protected from the sins of the world and evil waxing worse and worse.

The LORD told Zechariah in 1:3, *“Therefore say thou unto them, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Turn ye unto me, saith the LORD of hosts, and I will turn unto you, saith the LORD of hosts.”* The LORD will turn to those who turn to Him. There is a similar verse in James 4:8, *“Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you.”*

Things will become worse with time. We are told that and it’s easy to see. Yet we can take comfort because we can take refuge with the LORD. Near the very end of the Bible we are told that sin will surround the saints. Revelation 20:9, *“And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.”*

Before time ends, sin will compass us very closely. Before it can overcome the saints, the LORD will send fire from Heaven and devour sin. We all want to be among the saved. Now is the time to make sure you are safe and secure within the LORD.

—Marty Edwards❖

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Sunday 9 & 12 PM; 6 PM (Online) — Wednesday 6 (Online)

News

—Continue to remember **Alice Vanderstoep, Steve Seaton, Brad Terry, Enola Zigler, Ken & Erin Davis, Becky Hatcher, Joanna Locke, Richard Connolly, Larry Compton, Linda Terry, Lauren Candela, Rick Gibbs, and Jerry**

Reynolds. Sandy Duncan has had much trouble getting around due to a fracture in her hip. Hip replacement surgery is planned for January 12.

—Congratulations to **Breanna Riffle** who graduated this past Friday from The University of the Cumberlands college of education.

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I John 5:4, *“For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, [even] our faith.”*

There is no doubt of the abundance of sin in the world. We clearly see how the world is waxing worse and worse. How can we overcome the world and it’s sins? John wrote that faith is what gives us the victory.

Our faith is what keeps us going when we see sin all around us. Faith keeps us going toward eternal salvation in Heaven even though none of us have seen Heaven or the LORD. We have full confidence in the promises of God because of our faith. Our faith can grow but also can diminish.

We are told in Romans 10:17, *“So then faith [cometh] by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”* Faith comes from hearing the word of God. The more we read, study, and examine the Bible, the stronger our faith becomes. The opposite would also be true. When we stop studying and spending time with God’s word, our faith will begin to weaken.

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Sunday, December 17, 2023

Classes	13	Luke 2:39-52
Preaching	28	Ezekiel 8:1-18
Contribution	\$966.00	
Afternoon	10	Zechariah 11:1-17

Visitors— Dec 17 (AM) Kaitlyn Bryant (Hardyville, KY)

Bible Quiz

The LORD took two staves named what and what?

Last Week’s Answer— Bright (Zechariah 10:1)

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We will face many trials during our years here. The only way we can overcome them and be victorious is by faith. The only way we can have faith is by hearing the word of God. Spend time with His word everyday. Strengthen your faith and be victorious over the world.

—Marty Edwards❖

⁴To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, ⁵Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

—I Peter 1:4-5

—God’s Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)