

Launching Text: Acts 16:31 ... Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shall be saved and thy house....

Preaching Text: Psalms Chapter 3:1-8

Intro: In this series we have looked at "Something God wants us to KNOW, KEEP, & GIVE". This message is on "Something God Wants Us To Believe". [Believe=pists-yoo-o=to have faith]

[Faith=pistis=conviction of truth, persuaded, reliance, constancy of profession, to complywith, assurance, reality, its our title deed based on truth]

1. THE LORD WANTS US TO BELIEVE IN HIM IN THE TIMES OF CRISIS & DANGER

(Text) Ps 3:1-2 Lord, how are they increased that trouble me! Many are they that rise up against me.

Many there be which say of my soul, there is no help for him in God. Selah.

1. Believe In The Times Of Crisis & Danger Of Dilemmas

Rom 12:21 Be not overcome with evil, but overcome evil with good.

This was a time in David's life when he was fleeing from his own son, Absalom, who was looking to kill his father and take his throne. CRISIS WILL COME IN OUR LIVES & HOW WE MAKE IT IS UP TO US.

1. Believe In The Times Of The Crisis Of The Dilemma Of Tribulation

John 16:33 ...in this world ye shall have tribulation, but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world (and in Me, and with Me, you shall overcome also).

2-Cor 1:4 tells us that God comforts us in all of our tribulation.

2. Believe In The Times Of The Crisis Of The Dilemma Of Distress

2-Cor 4:8 We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed: we are perplexed by not in despair.

Ps 34:6 This poor man cried and the Lord heard him & saved him out of all his troubles.

3. Believe In The Times of The Crisis Of The Dilemma Of Persecution

2-Tim 3:12 Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

4. Believe In The Times Of The Crisis Of The Dilemma Of Famine

Ps 37:19 They shall not be ashamed in the evil time: and in the days of famine they shall be satisfied.

Ps 34:10 The young lions (the rebellious) do lack & suffer hunger, but they that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing.

5. Believe In The Times Of The Crisis Of The Dilemma Of Nakedness

Mat 6:31-33 (Paraphrased) Take not thought what you shall eat, drink, or wear for the Lord knows that you have need of these things, BUT seek first the kingdom of God & His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you.

6. Believe In The Times Of The Crisis Of The Dilemma Of The Sword

Isa 54:17 No weapon formed against you shall prosper and every tongue that rises in judgment against you, condemn for this is the heritage of the servants of the Lord and their righteousness is of Me.

2. Believe In The Times Of The Crisis & Danger Of The Devil

John 10:10 The thief (or the devil) comes to steal, to kill, and to destroy.....

1-Pet 5:8-9 (Discipline self) Be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary, the devil, as a roaring lion, walks about seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

1. Believe & Know That The Devil Attacks Through Enraging Fear

2-Tim 1:7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear (it comes through a demon), but of power & of love, & of a sound mind.

Isa 41:10 (God says) Fear thou not for I am with you; be not dismayed for I am thy God; I will strengthen thee, yea, I will help thee, yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.

2. Believe & Know That The Devil Attacks Through Earthly Facts

Isa 53:1 Who has believed our report and to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed? (It's to those that will take the Word of God as the final authority and walk in it).

3. Believe & Know That The Devil Attacks Through Enchanting Failures

James 1:14-16 But every man is tempted when he is drawn away of his own lust and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it brings forth sin and when sin is finished, it brings forth death. Do not err my beloved brethren.

3. Believe In The Times Of The Crisis & The Danger With Deliverance

Eph 6:16 Above all taking the shield of faith, where with you shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

Luke 10:19 Behold I give you power to tread on the serpents and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy and nothing shall by any means hurt (or better said) destroy you.

2-Cor 2:15 Now thanks be unto God which always causes us to triumph in Christ, and makes manifest the savor (or fragrant evidence or realization) of His knowledge by us in every place.

2. THE LORD WANTS US TO BELIEVE IN HIM IN THE TIMES OF CRYING & DELIGHT

(Text) Ps 3:4 I cried unto the Lord with my voice & He heard me out of His holy hill. Selah

1. Believe In The Time Of The Cry & Delight Of Prayer

Luke 11:9-10 Ask and it shall be given, seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you. For everyone that asks receives; and he that seeks finds; and to him that knocks, it shall be opened.

Romans 10:13 For whosoever calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

2. Believe In The Times Of The Cry & Delight Of Praise

1-Thess 5:18 In everything give thanks for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

Ps 37:4 Delight thyself in the Lord and He shall give thee the desires of thy heart.

3. Believe In The Times Of The Cry & Delight Of Persistence

Gal 6:9 And let us not be weary in well doing for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

3 THE LORD WANTS US TO BELIEVE IN HIM IN THE TIMES OF CONFESSION & DISCIPLINE

Romans 10:10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness: and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. Mark 11:22 (have faith in God and speak to the situation)

1. The Lord Wants Us To Believe, Declare, & Know That God Is Our Source

(Text) Ps 3:8 Salvation belongs unto the Lord: (but) thy blessing (power & bounty) is upon thy people.

Ps 121:1 I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord which made the heaven and the earth.

Ps 27:1 The Lord is my light (revelation) and my salvation (deliverance); Whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; Of whom shall I be afraid?

Ps 37:39-40 But the salvation of the righteous is of the Lord; He is their strength in time of trouble. And the Lord shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, because they trust in Him.

James 1:17 Every good and every perfect gift is from above and cometh down from the Father of Lights with whom there is no variableness neither shadow of turning.

2. The Lord Wants Us To Believe, Know, & Declare That God Is Our Shield

(Text) Ps 3:3 But thou, O Lord, art a shield from me;...

Gen 15:1 After these things the Word of the Lord came unto Abram in a vision saying, Fear not Abram; I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward.

Ps 33:20 Our soul waits for the Lord: He is our help and our shield. Mark 11:22have faith in God.

Eph 6:16 Above all taking the shield of faith where with ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

3. The Lord Wants Us To Believe, Know, & Declare That God Is Our Splendor

(Text) Ps 3:3 But thou, O Lord art a shield for me; my glory.....

(glory=Hebrew=kaw=bode=weighted down honor & splendor, the shine of the Lord in your life with the presence of God in the life of the believer).

Isaiah 60:1 Arise, shine: for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

Ps 89:17 For thou art the glory of their strength: and in thy favor our horn (authority, kingdom power) shall be exalted.

4. The Lord Wants Us To Believe, Know & Declare That God Is Our Strength

(Text) Ps 3:3 But thou, O Lord, art a shield for me; my glory; and the lifter up of mine head.

Ps 29:11 The Lord will give strength unto His people; the Lord will bless His people with peace.

Ps 62:7 In God is my salvation and my glory: the rock of my strength and my refuge is in God.

Ps 69:35 O God, thou art terrible (or awesome) out of thy holy places; the God of Israel is He that gives strength and power unto His people. Blessed be God.

Ps 37:39-40 But the salvation of the righteous is of the Lord; He is their strength in time of trouble.

And the Lord shall help them and deliver them: He shall deliver them from the wicked and save them, because they trust in Him.

5. The Lord Wants Us To Believe, Know, & Declare That God Is Our Sustenance.

(Text) Ps 3:5 I laid me down and slept; I awaked; for the Lord sustained me.

Ps 55:22 Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and He shall sustain thee: He shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.

Mat 11:28 Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest.

Heb 4:9 There remains therefore a rest to the people of God.

Phil 4:19 But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

2-Pet 1:3 According as His divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain to life and godliness through the knowledge of Him that hath called us to glory and virtue

6. The Lord Wants Us To Believe, Know, & Declare That God Is Our Surety. *WE WIN WITH GOD!*

(Text) Ps 3:6 I will not be afraid of 10,000's of people that have set themselves against me round about

Ps 9:10 And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee: for thou hast not forsaken them that seek thee.

Ps 18:46-47 The Lord lives; and blessed by my Rock: and let the God of my salvation be exalted. It is God that avenges me, and subdues the people under me.

Ps 23:4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I'll fear no evil for thou art with me

Ps 56:4 In God I will praise His Word, in God I have put my trust: I will not fear what flesh can do to me.

Ps 71:16 I will go in the strength of the Lord God: I will make mention of thy righteousness even thine only.

Ps 118:5-7 I called upon the Lord in distress: the Lord answered me, and set me in a large place. The Lord is on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me? The Lord taketh my part with that that help me; therefore shall I see my desire upon them that hate me.

Ps 121:7-8 The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: He shall preserve thy soul. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.

Heb 13:5-6 Let your conversation (life-style) be without covetousness: and be content with such things as ye have: for He (the Lord) hath said, I will never leave thee nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.

Romans 8:31 If God be for you, who can be against you.

Isa 54:17when the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him.

Isa 54:17 No weapon formed against you shall prosper and every tongue that rises up in judgement against thee, thou shalt condemn; for this is the heritage of the servants of the Lord and their righteousness is of Me, saith the Lord.

Numbers 23:19 teaches us----if God said it—He will do it. If God spoke it—He will make it good,