

Matthew 25:34-35 (NLT)

Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world. [35] For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home.

Matthew 25:36-37 (NLT)

I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me.’ [37] “Then these righteous ones will reply, ‘Lord, when did we ever see you hungry and feed you? Or thirsty and give you something to drink?

Matthew 25:38-40 (NLT)

Or a stranger and show you hospitality? Or naked and give you clothing? [39] When did we ever see you sick or in prison and visit you?' [40] “And the King will say, ‘I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!’

An ANCHOR for the Soul

Hebrews 6:9-20

If you keep in mind that the emphasis in this section is on *making spiritual progress*, you will steer safely through misinterpretations... ~Wiersbe

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Galatians 6:7 (JBP)

Don't be under any illusion: you cannot make a fool of God! **A man's HARVEST in life will depend entirely on what he sows.**

Galatians 6:9-10 (ESV)

And let us NOT grow weary of doing good, for in due season WE WILL REAP, if we do not give up.

So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

TRUST God...

- **BELIEVE** His Promises
- do Not Grow **WEARY**
- keep **ON DOING** Good

What do we REAP?

- **Spiritual Maturity**
- **Peace and Security**
- **WELL DONE Faithful Servant**

Genesis 22:16 -17 (NIV)

...I swear by myself, declares the Lord, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, **I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars...**

Promise to Abraham Involved...

- a **SON** by Sarah
- **MANY** descendants
- bless **ALL** nations

PATIENCE means that time does **NOT dim our HOPE**, because time has no bearing on the delivery of the promise. **Waiting is OK!**

~ Life Application Com.

→ God **SWEARING** by Himself
signifies that He **BINDS**
His Word to **His Character**

Isaiah 43:1 (NLT)

But now, O Jacob, listen to the Lord who created you. O Israel, the one who formed you says, **Do NOT be afraid,** for I have **RANSOMED** you. I have **CALLED YOU** by name; **YOU ARE MINE.**

Isaiah 43:2-3 (NLT)

When you go through DEEP WATERS, I will be with you. When you go through RIVERS OF DIFFICULTY, you will NOT drown. When you walk THROUGH THE FIRE of oppression, you will NOT be burned up; the flames will not consume you. For I AM the Lord, YOUR God, the Holy One of Israel, YOUR Savior...

God Says to us...

- do **NOT** be afraid
- you are **MINE**
- I will be **WITH** you
- I will **PROTECT** you
- **I AM** the Lord **YOUR God**

**I can feel the anchor fast
As I meet each sudden blast,
And the cable, though unseen
Bears the heavenly strain between;
Through the storm I safely ride
Till the turning of the tide
And it holds - my anchor holds
Blow your wildest, then, O gale
On my ship so small and frail;
By His grace I shall not fail
For my anchor holds, my anchor holds.**

~ D. B Towner

1 Corinthians 9:24-27 (NIV)

Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize?

Run in such a way as to get the prize.

[25] Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last;

but we do it to get a CROWN

that will last forever.

1 Corinthians 9:26-27 (NIV)

Therefore I do not run like a man running aimlessly; I do not fight like a man beating the air. [27] No, **I beat my body and make it my slave** so that after I have preached to others, **I myself will not be DISQUALIFIED for the prize.**

→ This is a CHALLENGE
to FINISH WELL
NOT to be Disqualified

Growing-Maturing Christians
do not outlive their
usefulness.

If we are still here,
God is STILL working.

Never think for a moment you
have seen the last of God.

QUESTIONS

1. The Lord calls us to Love *“the Least of these.”* How can we do that?
2. Why should we remember the LORD does not FORGET our work or Love we show Him?
3. What are the signs that we are putting our HOPE in something other than our Lord?
4. How can we make sure our HOPE is firmly anchored in our Lord JESUS?