



God's Goodness in the Midst of Battle

"I am confident of this, I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living." Psalm 27:13 (NIV)

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Revelation 21:4 tells us that when the believer is in heaven with Jesus, there will be no more tears, no death, no sorrow, or crying. I thank God for that promise. But, in the midst of so many daily battles, in this sin-filled world, I would be overwhelmed with the evil that is all around me if I did not look for and believe to see "the goodness of my Lord in the land of the living." Praise the Lord. By HIS AMAZING GRACE, no matter how bad things are, I can still see the Lord's goodness everywhere I look!

Galatians 6:9 (KJV) reads, *"And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."* Satan constantly tries to wear out believers. He attacks us spiritually, physically, mentally, and emotionally. Parents get weary of disciplining their children and give up. People get weary resisting temptation and give in to sin. Couples get weary trying to make a marriage work, so one or both file for divorce. Many become weary of waiting for God's chosen mate and marry the wrong person. People get weary waiting for the things they want in life, so they get into huge debt. Many are weary of waiting for God to provide their needs and fulfill His promises, so they decide to become their own god.

However, again in Galatians 6:9, God encourages us that we will reap in due season if we faint not. In the midst of life's battles, it is important for us to sow to the Spirit and not to our flesh, and with God's help not to become weary in obedience to God and His Word. The words, "Perseverance," "discipline," and "faithfulness," are words and actions that we see less and less, even among professing believers.

Matthew 24:12-13 (KJV) reads, *"And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved."* (Emphasis mine). Here is another word we seldom hear or see in action—the word, "endure." How many parents model perseverance, discipline, faithfulness, endurance, and gratefulness in their home? How many teach these godly character qualities to their children?

2 Timothy 2:1-4 (KJV) reads, *"Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also. Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier."*

Beloved, the Lord has not deceived us. He told us that as His followers, we would have to endure hardness like good soldiers. He is in the battle with us, giving us His grace, wisdom, strength, and encouragement daily. Trust Him, beloved. He will not fail you. Again, I encourage you to trust Him. He will not fail you!

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