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Intro Music – “My Father Is So Good To Me”

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Hi, my name is Carl Vasta and I would like to welcome you to the Bible Seeds section here, at Understanding God’s Word. This is where I get to comment on biblical readings and stories that brings the bible into what’s happening to us in our daily lives.

I’ll touch on such topics as Family Prayer or Why I Believe There Is A God. I’ll talk about what was predicted that makes these the Terrible Times In The Last Days or how to Have A Daily Meaningful Relationship With God.

Today's topic: **INCREASE YOUR FAITH IN GOD**

Living in today’s world has many misrepresentations that people are expected to live with. We are expected to believe that there are more than two genders; that living in a borderless country is a good thing; that justice in courts all over the world is dealt out honestly and that criminals are being fairly punished and people who have not committed criminal acts are not being politically punished.

Holding on to your faith is really difficult, living in a sinful world that broadcasts it’s evils twenty four hours a day and yet; **Jesus tells us, “not to worry!”**

But in the book of Luke, Chapter 18: verse 8, Jesus asks the question, **“Will the Son of Man find faith on Earth when He comes?”**

This question was preceded by Jesus telling his disciples, “that they should always pray and never become discouraged.” And then He told them *“In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. And there was a widow in that some town who kept coming to him and pleading for her rights, saying, ‘Help me against my opponent!’ For a long time the judge refused to act, but at last he said to himself. “Even though I don’t fear God or respect man, yet because of all the trouble his widow is giving me, I will see to it she gets her rights. If I don’t, she will keep on coming and finally wear me out!”*

And the Lord continued, *“Listen to what that corrupt judge said. Now, will God not judge in favor of his own people who cry to him day and night for help? Will he be slow to help them? I tell you, he will judge in their favor and do it quickly.”*

So what is the purpose of “Rapture”? When Jesus comes back, the only real faith on the Earth will be in those who will be taken off the Earth in a blink of an eye.

And what is the purpose of the Tribulation? All those people who have no use for God and are left on the Earth will receive God’s wrath and punishment and see the arrival of the Anti-Christ spoken of in the book of *Revelation*.

Because God has told us, that because of the increase of sin in this world, these prophecies will come to be. We know there are many people in the world right now that are fighting against the evil ones but Jesus told his disciples in the **book of Matthew, Chapter 24** of what to expect in the ‘last days’. Jesus told us in these **verses 9-14** what to expect.

He said, ***“Then you will be arrested and handed over to be punished and be put to death. All mankind will hate you because of me. Many will give up their faith at that time; they will betray one another and hate one another. Then many false prophets will appear and fool many people. Such will be the spread of evil that many people’s love will grow cold. But whoever holds out to the end will be saved. And the Good News about the Kingdom will be preached through all the world for a witness to all mankind; and then the end will come.”***

If we are to hold out to the end, how are we to prepare ourselves for this world that we live in and not give up our faith?

In the book, the ***Good News Bible***, books that are not normally included in the sixty six books of the standard bible are other books known as **apocrypha**. These books contained traditional Jewish wisdom that was written in Hebrew and were translated into Greek. One such book is the wisdom of ***Sirach*** whose grandson translated it. The second chapter is titled ***Faithfulness To God*** gives wisdom on how to remain faithful to God. It says,

My children, when you come to serve the LORD, prepare yourself for trials.

Be sincere of heart and dedicated, not worried when your life is filled with troubles.

Cling to the LORD and don’t abandon him, and your future will be great.

Accept whatever happens to you, In crushing misfortune be patient

For by fire, gold is tested, and worthy people are tested in the extreme heat of humiliation.

(pure gold is separated from rock ore at 1850 degrees Fahrenheit)

Trust in God and he will help you; Strive to do what is right and put your hope in him.

*You, who love the LORD,
wait for his mercy, don't grow tired and give up or you will fall.*

*You, who love the LORD,
trust him, and your reward will not be lost.*

*You, who love the LORD,
hope for good things, for lasting joy and mercy.*

*Study the generations long past and understand; Has the LORD ever
disappointed anyone who put his hope in him?*

*Has the LORD ever abandoned anyone who held him in constant
reverence?*

Has the LORD ever ignored anyone who prayed to him?

*Compassionate and merciful is the LORD; he forgives sins, he saves in
time of trouble.*

*How sad it will be for those with restless hearts and drooping hands,
to the sinner that treads the double path!*

*How sad it will be for the faint of heart who can not trust,
they will have no shelter!*

*How sad it is for those who have lost hope!
What will you do when it comes time to be judged by the LORD?*

*Those who have reverence for God,
do not disobey his words; those who love him keep his ways.*

*Those who have reverence for God,
seek to please him, those who love him are filled with his law.*

*Those who have reverence for God,
prepare their hearts and humble themselves before him.*

*Let us choose to remain in the hands of the LORD and not put ourselves in
the hands of men, for equal to his majesty is the mercy that he shows.*

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I would like you to know how much GOD loves you. He is ready and waiting to help you. You just need to believe that He exists and has created all things and has given ***His Son Jesus, the good shepherd*** to bring you back to him.

This is why I put together these pod casts, starting with **The Storyline Of The Bible**, 19 easy understandable pod casts that take you from Genesis, the first book of the bible- to Revelation, the last book of the bible.

And beyond that, there are **The Stories And Quotes From Jesus**, which will help you to strengthen your faith in God. And now I have just added these ***Bible Seeds***: my commentary on some of these readings.

You can find all of this and print out the **PDFs** for ***Storyline Of The Bible*** and ***Quotes and Stories from Jesus***. You can download the MP3s, Videos, and my original music from my website: www.carlvasta.com Everything is free and there are no sign ups. Enjoy!

Ending The Program

This is your host Carl Vasta and I thank you for tuning in to Bible Seeds at Understanding God's Word.

New podcasts are released on Sundays at 12:30PM Pacific Coast Time.
God bless you and your loved ones and remember. . .