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## **THE ANGEL OF REVELATION 10**

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### **THE SEA AND THE EARTH UNDER FOOT**

I receive letters from saints who are understandingly very concerned and puzzled when they see what is taking place in the world. Where is God in all this, some ask? What are we supposed to think about the vulgarity and barbarity that is ever increasing everywhere? There is absolutely no doubt that we are living in critically unstable and pivotal times.

It is also certain that what the Spirit has been speaking to us in the past several years, has been to prepare us for such events as these. Indeed the Holy Spirit has been confirming to us that we, although we are in the world, are not of the world...we are hid within the world!

*“For ye are dead and your **life is hid with Christ** in God. When Christ who is our life shall appear, then shall ye also appear in glory.”* (Col.3: 3-4) Our dead outer man still has an identity in the world, but our true life and name is hid in Christ and will not appear to the world until He appears.

As we are in the Spirit, we hear things that the Spirit speaks to us. We cannot receive any of these words through our natural senses and the world cannot hear them at all. This was the case for John on the isle of Patmos, as He also was in the Spirit, on the Lord's day. It is the day that we are still in now.

The resurrected Lord Jesus was speaking abundantly to John, through vivid visions, about the things that would shortly take place in the spirit and

be made manifest in the earth. John had already heard from several angels when He saw this mighty messenger.

*“And I saw **another** mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a bow was upon his head, and his face was as it were the sun and his feet as pillars of fire. And he had in his hand a little book open: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and his left foot upon the earth, and cried with a loud voice, as a lion roareth: and when he had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices.”* (Rev.10: 1-3)

This angel did not leave it at that, he gave John specific instructions. He told him, *“Go and take the little book which is open in the hand of the angel which standeth upon the sea and upon the earth. And I went unto the angel, and said unto him, Give me the little book. And he said unto me, Take it, and eat it up; and it shall make thy belly bitter, but it shall be in thy mouth sweet as honey. And I took the little book out of the angel's hand, and ate it up; and it was in my mouth sweet as honey: and as soon as I had eaten it, my belly was bitter.”* (Vs.8b-10)

This angel is stirring my spirit because of the way he stood. John saw that his right foot was actually touching the sea while his left foot was upon the earth. This is significant because it shows that the Word of this messenger actually touches the sea and the earth. This is a Word of authority which is putting all things, the global creation, UNDER HIS FEET.

To understand these symbols better we could refer to many passages in the Bible. Among these, the Psalmist writes by the Spirit, *“Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof. Let the field be joyful, and all that is therein: then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice before the Lord: for he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth: he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with his truth.”* (Ps.96: 11-13)

These verses give the key to the symbolic language used in the Word. Paul taught, *“For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and God-head...”* (Rom.1: 20a)

The sea represents the souls of humanity- man driven by emotions. This is where we were before He called us and “fished us out” by His grace. The sea is bottomless. Man has not yet found the depth of it because there is no bottom. The sea contains all sorts of terrifying, eerie creatures.

The prophet declares, *“But the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt.”*(Isa.57: 20)This is the restless, unsettled condition of the soul who knows not God. Jesus had much to say about this soul condition as well. *“For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies.”* (Matt.15: 19)

The sun does not shine under the waters of the sea and the depths of it are in total thick darkness. The creatures that live therein are subjected to all sorts of perils and fierce predators. As the sea denotes the inward depths of man's heart and soul, the earth speaks of the natural carnal-minded man who is exposed to the light of the sun (Son) but is still preoccupied with the affairs of this world and lured by the appetites of the flesh.

The earthy man does not dwell in the heavens, that is in the higher dimension of spirit, until he is converted and taught to submit to and follow the Holy Spirit. Such earthy man may find a measure of

peace through his religion, his charitable work or even through his intellect, but he cannot find real lasting peace until he makes the transition to life in the Spirit. The people called “the earth” may believe in Christ while they are still engrossed in the affairs of the world; they are not spiritually minded and are still under the influence of the prince of the power of the air. *“Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience.”* (Eph.2: 2)

*“For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.”* (Rom.8: 5) They are also subject to strife, anxiety and death *“For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.”* (Vs.6) And so the people who are called “the earth” lead their lives by the light or knowledge of the natural mind .

The angel that John saw had one foot on the sea and one foot on the earth. This means that the Word that comes roaring out of him is placing the soul and minds of man under the power of Almighty God whose Word will not return to Him unfulfilled. The time has come for the total Christ (Head and Body) to finish the work of putting creation under foot so that it can be given back to the Father, that God may be all in all.

At that point, John heard a loud voice in “heaven,” *“Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! For the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.”* (Rev. 12: 12)

At that time, all wickedness breaks out and the sea rages so that the mire and dirt churns with no mercy. At the end of the age the bottomless pit is opened wide and the raging violence that has possessed the depths of men's hearts is loosed. There is not much time left for the most evil one to finish his dirty work. This is also the time when this mighty angel confronts the devil head on. It is what is happening in the realm of spirit and that which we are witnessing in the world today.

## THE MIGHTY ANGEL and The Cloud Of Witnesses

When John saw this mighty angel, he had been transported in the Spirit to the days that we are in now. He sees him coming down from heaven. This means that he was a spirit being but now was appearing so John could see him in his vision. The heavenlies denote the dimension of invisible spirit where spirit beings dwell. Father and Son dwell in the highest dimension of spirit and so do we, in Christ. Angels, in the book of revelation, are messengers called to bring God's Word down to our level of understanding.

The angels that John heard were not usually described in such striking details as this one. First of all, this angel is clothed with a cloud! This is not a common ordinary messenger. We know that "clouds" speak of people who cannot be seen with the natural eye. When we read that Jesus went up in a cloud, we understand that He disappeared from view of the natural eye. There is also the "cloud of glory" that denotes the glory of God. The pillar of cloud by day that led Israel through the wilderness.

And there is the cloud of witnesses that encompasses us and consists of those who are no longer visible in the earth realm. *"Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us."* (Heb.12: 1)

We, who are able to receive from the Spirit, readily know that Jesus and those with Him are not far from us, but they are not visible to us... they are as a cloud. When we are up in a plane, we can easily see the earth below, unless there are clouds in the way. Clouds are a shield that conceal what is on the other side.

*"Behold, he cometh with clouds and every eye shall see him..."* (Re.1:7a) Jude writes, *"Behold the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints..."* (Vs.14b) When the sons of God become manifest, all who were invisible will be openly seen.

What is it that the Holy Spirit was revealing to us about this "cloud of witnesses"? We know that they

are the saints who have gone before us and are with Jesus in the invisible realm of spirit. The writer had just finished a partial list of them when he wrote about this cloud.

We know that this cloud describes the witnesses who are with Jesus in the invisible spirit realm. They are not "hearsay" witnesses, they are true witnesses who have seen the Lord with their own eyes and now they are still seeing Him as He continues His work in us. Even on this side of the veil, the Lord reveals Himself to us and we are also true witnesses by the power of His Holy Spirit.

The verse begins with the word "wherefore" which means that what is now written is the result of what was just said. *"God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect."* (Heb.11: 39) They, the witnesses in the cloud, cannot be made perfect without us who are on the earth. The perfection being that of the body of Christ coming into the image and likeness of the Lord Jesus Christ- even His resurrected body.

Those who have gone before us and are now "in Jesus" are waiting for us to become the new, visible creation of God in Christ, right here on earth. Will the attaining of perfection of those in this life, make those on the other side of the veil perfect as well? The answer is yes it will, but it is not automatic. Perfection comes through much suffering and overcoming on the part of those who are in the earth. The earth is the furnace that brings us to perfection in Christ.

Jesus was made perfect...He became the firstborn among many brethren, through suffering. *"For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren."* (Heb.2: 10-11)

Jesus was made perfect through sufferings. The word is plural, denoting, not only the suffering of the cross but many more sufferings throughout his time on earth. And now, Jesus Christ in the saints is

still suffering with them as He brings them to perfection. *“For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake. (His body's sake)”* (Phil.1: 29)

Our brethren, who form the cloud of witnesses with Jesus, no longer suffer in the flesh. So we who are here fill up the cup of their suffering to bring them to perfection with us. This is why *“They, without us cannot be made perfect.”* This is all for Jesus' sake for it is for the sake of His entire body.

The angel that John saw was not a cloud, he was covered or clothed with a cloud! Himself could not be seen with the natural eye. It is a mighty work of the Spirit. This clouded messenger had legs and feet. He also had a face that shone as the sun. He had hands that held a little book. And he had a rainbow upon his head. This is a full description from top to bottom- from head to foot of an entire body.

Many Bible scholars have determined that this angel is the Lord Jesus Christ Himself and this is true indeed but we must remember that God has prepared a body for His dear Son and that the Lord Jesus Christ is the Head of that body. Can He ever return as the Head only? Can He ever be separated from His own body?

## FROM HEAD TO FEET

The detailed description of this angel is so plain. From head to foot, He is the lord Jesus Christ as He stands on the steady feet of His body, putting all His enemies under His feet.

He is crowned with a rainbow. The rainbow in the sky, speaks of God's new covenant in Christ. When one looks up and sees a rainbow, it is only the half of a circle that can be seen. The entire rainbow actually circles the earth. It is a sign of the covenant of Christ that will cover the entire earth and sea. The rainbow is a crown of vivid colors on his head. It speaks of the mind of Christ who is the guardian and guarantee of this covenant.

His face was as it were the sun. The face is the identity of a being. He is the life-giving Sun or Son

of righteousness that is arising with healing in His wings. Note that the face and the feet are described together in the same sentence. They are one body. They are of one accord. The face is a blazing fire as the sun and the feet are as pillars of fire...and they are touching the earth and the sea!

John saw this being before. He wrote, *“And his feet were as fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters.”* (Rev.1: 15) The being whose feet have walked through the furnace of fire is the one who has the voice of many waters.

Daniel beheld this same being when he brought him the answer to his petitions. *“Then I lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold a certain man clothed in linen, whose loins were girded with fine gold of Uphaz: His body also was like the beryl, and his face as the appearance of lightning, and his eyes as lamps of fire, and his arms and his feet like in colour to polished brass, and the voice of his words like the voice of many waters.”* (Dan.10: 5-6)

This being, who is hid in a cloud, has indeed appeared before to let us acknowledge his presence. Daniel saw him clothed in linen which is the righteousness of the saints. *“...For linen is the righteousness of saints.”* (Rev.19: 8b) The linen garment and the girdle of gold speak of the new priesthood in Christ and the voice of many waters is the voice of the many membered Son of God in His body.

The feet of this being who touched the earth and the sea, were as pillars of fire. Pillars cannot be moved; they are permanent. They were firmly and solidly planted upon creation and would not be moved. They had gone through the fire and now they were on fire. Fire is the most purifying agent there is. Once this being lands and plants his feet on the earth and the sea, there is no turning back. Creation will go through the fire until the work is accomplished.

Everyone who has been following God's Holy Spirit can testify of that. Jesus asked His disciples, *“Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of,*

*and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? They said unto him, 'We are able.'*” (Matt. 20: 22) Then Jesus confirmed, *“Ye shall drink indeed of my cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with...”* (Vs.23a)

Jesus had been baptized with John's baptism of repentance, but the baptism that He was talking to them about is the baptism of fire. He was talking of His submission to the fire that would take Him to the cruel journey of the cross. We do not go through a literal cross as did Jesus, but we do go through a baptism of fire.

To become pure and holy as He is, we must also submit ourselves to many trials and fires, knowing that although it is not our will, it is God's will for us. We have to face our Gethsemane and declare, “not my will, but thine be done.” And this is not for ourselves only, but for the entire body of Christ, even for those who have gone before us.

Paul made quick mention of this when he said, *“Else what shall they do which are baptized for the dead, if the dead rise not at all? Why are they then baptized for the dead?”*

The fire has been ignited for us and in us and it continues to burn until all its work is done. The more wood, hay and stubble there is to burn, the hotter is the fire! The work of the sons of God is to deliver creation from the bondage of corruption and that is done through the fire. How else could creation be delivered?

It is the commission of Christ in His body, to reconcile creation to God. *“And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given us the ministry of reconciliation; To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.”* (II Cor.5: 18-19)

This could not be any clearer. God has reconciled us to Himself by Jesus Christ and has given us the commission as His sons in Christ to do the same for the whole world. How else could God be ALL IN

ALL if ALL were not reconciled? Christ is the vehicle through whom God works to reconcile or restore the world unto Himself. This is the solemn mission of Jesus Christ and of all the sons in Him. This is why the feet of the mighty being were set upon the sea and the earth. Subduing the world unto God is the worldwide work of Christ in God.

## THE LITTLE BITTER BOOK

There are other “books” or “scrolls” that were to be eaten by God's servants and they had the same quality of being sweet as honey in the mouth and bitter in the belly. As it was with Daniel, it was during his captivity in Babylon that the prophet Ezekiel had mighty experiences with visions from the Lord.

*“But thou, son of man, hear what I say unto thee; Be not thou rebellious like that rebellious house: open thy mouth, and eat that I give thee. And when I looked, behold, an hand was sent unto me; and, lo, a roll of a book was therein; And he spread it before me and it was written within and without: there was written therein lamentations, and mourning, and woe.”* (Eze.2: 8-10)

Then the Lord ordered the old prophet to eat the book and more than that, He made him eat it! *“Moreover he said unto me, Son of man, eat that thou findest; eat this roll, and go speak unto the house of Israel. So I opened my mouth, and he caused me to eat that roll. And he said unto me, Son of man, cause thy belly to eat, and fill thy bowels with this roll, that I give thee. Then I did eat; and it was in my mouth as honey for sweetness.”* (Eze.3: 1-3)

The words of that book were filled with lamentations, and mourning and woe! It was sweet in the mouth for it gave Ezekiel the knowledge that God was going to do something good for the nation. But when it comes down to being digested. When the words come to pass, it is filled with much wailing, and mourning and affliction and misery.

And so John was told to eat go take the “little book” out of the hand of the angel. He writes, *“And I went unto the angel, and said unto him, Give me*

*the little book. And he said unto me, Take it, and eat it up; and it shall make thy belly bitter, but it shall be in thy mouth sweet as honey. And I took the little book out of the angel's hand, and ate it up; and it was in my mouth sweet as honey: and as soon as I had eaten it, my belly was bitter.”* (Rev.10: 9-10)

God's will and word are established from the beginning of “time,” and because they are set to be accomplished in “time,” they are revealed by segments. These segments are the “waves” of the Spirit that have come upon the church. The waves of truth that have been revealed over the centuries. God has divided “time” into “ages” for the purpose of bringing all created things under His dominion. This, as noted above, is the mission of Christ in the world.

So God called out prophets and anointed them to hear His word and to speak it forth wherever they were sent. There were mighty prophets in the Old Testament, and there are prophets in Christ, for when Jesus ascended, “.*He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers..*” (Eph.4: 11)

These prophets are not to be confused with the gift of “prophecy” which is given to all in the church for the edification of the saints. Although prophets do prophesy, yet the calling of “prophet” is a special anointing in the body of Christ.

The Bible tells us that a prophet is one who “sees God's word” and who is sent to speak that word wherever he or she is sent. “*Hear now my words: if there be a prophet among you, I the Lord will make myself known unto him in a vision, and will speak to him in a dream.*” (Num.12: 6)

John was an apostle and he was also a true prophet. He did not only hear the voice, he saw the angel and he saw the little book...and he was directed to eat the word that the angel was revealing to him.

John was not a spectator, he was a participant in this vision. Just as Ezekiel, the word that he was about to hear was slated to become a part of him. It was not to be an “outer” word, separate from him, it was to become who he is. This is the way with

God's word to His people. In order for us to become the “word made flesh” as Jesus, we must eat the book. The word has to become part of who we are.

And the word of that little book would be bitter in the belly. Indeed, we rejoice when we know that the time has come for creation to be delivered, but at the same time, it is a bitter thing to go through as the kingdoms of this world fall and the world is filled with lamentations and woes.

However, this book is called “little.” It represents the plan and purpose of God for the world and now it is almost finished. There remains but a little more to be accomplished yet that “little more” is huge.

## VOICES OF THUNDERS

When the mighty angel roared, seven thunders uttered their voices. “*And when he had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices. And when the seven thunders had uttered their voices, I was about to write: and I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered, and write them not.*” (Rev.10: 3-4)

The word that John heard will wake up creation. The voices of seven thunders cannot be ignored. By the Spirit, David wrote, “*The voice of the Lord is upon many waters: the God of glory thundereth: the Lord is upon many waters. The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty...The Lord will give strength to his people; the Lord will bless his people with peace.*” (Ps.29: 3-4,11)

“Seven” thunders denote the full, absolute, undivided, undiminished, majestic voice of Father, Son and Holy Spirit. This is a message that comes from the depths of His being. And it is God's complete message to the sea and the earth; the entire, global creation. The voice of thunders declare that God's work in the earth is totally and perfectly accomplished.

“*But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.*” (Rev.10: 7) The angel was

## NEED OF PATIENCE

showing John how things would be at the very end of the age. So immediately, John was told to “seal up” this word. This is the only place in the book of Revelation that a message is to be sealed. This is a book of “revealing,” not of “sealing.” However, this was to be heard or rather experienced later. It would come at the end of the age.

Furthermore, this message is given with a solemn oath. *“And the angel that I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven, and swore by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein **that there should be time no longer.**”*

*But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.”* (Rev.10: 5-7)

The mystery of God is His secret plan for the world; it is solemn and infallible. It is a covenant word, sealed with an oath. John was shown the time when there is **NO MORE DELAY**. This means that absolutely everything that needed to be fulfilled before the plan could be finished, had been accomplished. There was nothing more to do to bring it to pass. This is what *“there should be time no longer”* actually means.

Today, we can testify by the Spirit, that we have reached the time when this word is coming to pass. We know it because the earth within us and out in the world is shaking until all is being shaken. We know it because we are living at the time when we can see the end of the world (man's systems) in the earth.

There is no mistake about that, the seven thunders have uttered their voices and the Lord has spoken. We are coming to the end of the LITTLE book and our bellies are bitter. We are come to the time when the mystery of God, the secret plan of God, is finished and there is no more delay. There is nothing more to do to bring it about.

Because the Lord is sounding this last trump in our ears, and we are hearing it over and over again, it is easy to get impatient. This is where our beloved enemy can work with us and begin to cast doubts in our minds. Not doubts about God's plan but doubts about our part in His plan.

A sister in the Lord sent me a recent dream that she had. *“There was a lineup of young boys (14-16 years old) on horseback. The first horse I could see was white and the young man's face shone and his eyes were alert and sparkling. His hair was golden. A trumpet began to sound the final “go,” but just before the end, it started over again. The horse and rider got ready again but as the trumpeter continued to repeat the tune, never coming to the completion, the horse and rider gradually grew tired and the rider finally fell asleep on the horse's neck, no longer excited by the trumpet that never came to giving the final sound to go.”* End of dream

The young man with the golden hair is the Spirit of Christ that has been formed in us. We are in Him, in the flesh (on horseback) ready and eager to “go” and finish the race. The Lord has prepared us and we have heard the word of His appearing over and over again.

The dream focused on the one rider, on the white horse. He represents Christ come in the flesh (white horse), in his body in the earth. In our spirit, we are excited every time we hear the trumpet sound (the Word announcing the time at hand), but it never seems to be final. The line up of the young teen-age boys signifies that there is still an area of immaturity in us. Could it be a need of “patience?”

Indeed, the spirit is ready but there is still a need of patience. The riders did not dismount, they just fell asleep on the necks of their horses. Jesus told His disciples to watch with Him one more hour, but they still succumbed to their need for sleep.

Our sister's dream speaks of the Body of Christ as it stands, prepared and ready to move at the last sound of the last trumpet. This is the trump that

moves the troops to their final convocation. In the Old Testament, the camps of Israel were assembled by the sound of trumpets. *“Make thee two trumpets of silver; of a whole piece shalt thou make them: that thou mayest use them for the calling of the assembly, and for the journeying of the camps.”*(Numb.10: 2)

The number of times that the trumpets sounded signaled to the camps what they were to do. Alarms were sounded by the blowing of trumpets, as were times of gathering. *“But when the congregation is to be gathered together, ye shall blow, but ye shall not sound an alarm.”* (Vs.7) When the alarm was sounded *“...ye shall be remembered before the Lord your God, and ye shall be saved from your enemies.”* (Vs.9b)

The blowing of trumpets were very significant in the Old Testament and so in the book of Revelation we find that things are moved through the blowing of trumpets as well. Only now, the trumpet speak of the Word of God that we hear by the Spirit.

The dream represents the body of Christ, ready, prepared and equipped, but still in need of patience. It reminds one of the hungry person stirring the pot and saying impatiently, “Is it soup yet?”

They did not dismount from their horses, they did not change their position and the trumpet did not stop blowing; they were just at a stand still and getting sleepy. This means that we are not losing our position or place in Christ and the Word will not stop blowing. But through it all, the Lord is working in us the patience we need to possess our souls. Jesus said it this way, *“In your patience possess ye your souls.”* (Lk.21: 19)

The dream is an exhortation for patience. We have been hearing over and over that we are entering the times of the end of this age. The truths have been sounding over and over again, but we are still waiting for the very last note to be played; for the very last word to be heard. And so it is human to get weary and sleepy, and to grow tired of being alert and watching. But such are the actions of teenagers. Mature men stay awake, alert and watchful.

In his solemn teaching to the church about the redemption of our body, Paul exhorts, *“But if we hope for that we see not, then do we, with patience wait for it.”* (Rom.8: 25)

The writer to the Hebrews reminds us that when God promised to Abraham, He swore by Himself and gave him the promise that in his seed, all the nations of the earth would be blessed. That seed was Isaac who was given to Sarah and Abraham at a very old age. While waiting, they also became impatient. They lost hope and determined to bring God's promise to pass in their own way. Thus, Ishmael was conceived and became a very troublesome issue that had to be reckoned with then, and still has to be dealt with in our day.

It was after he endured patiently that he received. *“And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise.”* (Heb.7: 15) And again we are admonished, *“Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us.”* (Heb.12: 1)

We are in a race and we cannot let up on our faith and hope, so we run **with patience** because even though we can see the finish line, it seems to us that the race never comes to its end. And so we concur with the writer, *“Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward. For ye have need of patience, that after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise. For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry.”* (Heb. 10: 35-37)

We are not slothful, *“..but followers of them who through FAITH AND PATIENCE inherit the promises. For when God made promise to Abraham, because he could swear by no greater, he sware by himself.”* (Heb.6: 12-13) This is the promise that in Christ, ALL THE NATIONS OF THE EARTH SHALL BE BLESSED. Amen!

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