

BE YE STEADFAST

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Being steadfast is having something firmly fixed in purpose. Our salvation has been made firm in Christ Jesus.

Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. **Heb.12:2.**

Now because of this, our faith has a resting place.

Wherein God, willing more abundantly to show unto the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath:

That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a **strong** consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us:

Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the veil; Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an High Priest forever after the order of Melchisedec. **Heb.6:17-20.**

For our faith to have a resting place and have a strong consolation; there had to be something firmly fixed. Something so strong it would hold no matter what the conditions **and** be in the presence of God. This is true of both God and Christ. God in that He orchestrated His pre determined purpose; and Christ in that He was resolute in accomplishing the work His Father asked of Him.

There is another aspect of this: We're in a war brethren; a constant fight for our very life. And this world offers no help to its own; let alone the children of God. This world's armies send all their soldiers to the front; and the high commanders stay back where it's safe and secure. The souls and lives of their soldiers are of no consequence.

But not so with God's great armies; Jesus was and is firmly fixed in His purpose; He remains steadfast. Our Great Commander went before us and has secured for us a strong front as it were. One that can not be destroyed. The souls and lives of God's soldiers are very precious to Him, for they have all been bought with a great price. The precious blood of Jesus.

We are admonished to continue steadfast in the apostle's doctrine; and fellowship. In the breaking of bread; and in prayers. **Acts.2:42.**

But the apostle Peter warns us: watch out for the adversary; he preys on the suffering and those being persecuted. He attacks when we are weak and more focused on our trial than keeping watch.

Be sober, be vigilant: because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking

whom he may devour: Whom resist steadfast in faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world. **I Pet.5:8&9.**

James tells us: Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. **Jas.4:7.**

Our adversary is so deadly, we are told to exhort one another **daily**, while it is called Today, lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. **Heb.3:13.**

Our Great Commander remains steadfast even until now; and He will continue so until all is finished. We have been made partakers of Christ, IF we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end. **Heb.3:14.**

So let us, the heirs of promise; who have **strong** consolation and good hope, remain steadfast in our faith; firmly fixed in **our purpose** to believe on the only begotten of the Father unto eternal life. Fully persuaded of the power of God in Christ Jesus.

And when trials come and they will; and they do; look to and draw near to the ONE who gave us such an all encompassing comfort, hope and protection. It's right, that we should remain steadfast in our faith. Our Great Commander deserves nothing less.
We pray for grace to do just that.

Our Great Commander ;(Our Great High Priest) and Captain of our souls is unfailing, never disappointing and Most Worthy of our confidence; has obtained Victory! For every battle and ultimately the war. Instead of death. Life! For ever more. I admonish all of us; be ye steadfast.
Amen.

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