

## Chapter 11

### Patient Endurance of Training for Leadership in Heaven

A crown of authority, glory and honor as the bride of Yahusha is promised to those believers who patiently endure tests, trials, persecution and suffering. This is promised more, than for any other accomplishment. Tribulation and persecution are used by Yahuah to develop the character of His sons for leadership in the kingdom. They purify character like silver and gold are refined in fire. The believer is expected to give up the normal life to focus on working for the kingdom. Many believers faced prison and execution for their faith and obedience to Yahuah and it is coming again soon. They must keep their goal focused on the awesome glory and honor of living in the city of the paradise of Yahuah.

**Matthew 16:24-25** “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and the He will reward each according to his works.”

Yahusha is describing the choice believers must make for the salvation of their carnal soul for life in the kingdom. Believers are foolish to focus on success in this life and fail to do what is required to qualify to be chosen to enter the kingdom, giving up the glory and honor of ruling with Yahusha.

**Romans 8:17-23** “We are children of Yahuah, and if children, then heirs of Yahuah and joint heirs with the Messiah, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together. For I consider that the suffering of this present time is not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. ... eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body.”

**2 Corinthians 4:16-18** “Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory. ... For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.”

A wealthy man would give everything he has to enter the kingdom of heaven, if he realized that he is giving up awesome eternal glory for temporary success, that will soon be left behind. Believers should focus on obedience, good works, patient endurance and fruitfulness for the kingdom, which are necessary to develop character for leadership in the kingdom.

**2 Thessalonians 1:3-5** “We ourselves boast of you among the believers of Yahuah, for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that you endure, which is manifest evidence of the righteous judgment of Yahuah, that you may be counted worthy of the kingdom of Yahuah, for which you also suffer;”

**1 Peter 1:4-9** “to an inheritance ... reserved in heaven for you ... you have been grieved by various trials, that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Yahusha, the Messiah, ... you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, receiving the end of your faith – the salvation of your soul.”

**1 Peter 2:19-21** “For this is commendable, if because of conscience toward Yahuah one suffers grief, suffering wrongfully. ... when you do good and suffer, if you take it patiently, this is commendable before Yahuah. For this you were called because Yahusha also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow in His steps;”

**Revelation 2:10,11** “Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you in prison that you may

be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.”

Yahusha warned His disciples that they would be hated by the world, persecuted and killed, because the world hates Yahuah’s laws. The struggle is actually with spiritual wickedness in heavenly places. Satan does not want believers to take away his authority over the world. Satan has been very successful disqualifying believers for leadership with disobedience and unbelief. He also kills believers who preach the word of the kingdom. Consequently, many are called but few qualify to be chosen.

**Matthew 24:9-14** “Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you and you will be hated by all nations for My name’s sake. And many will be offended, will betray one another, and hate one another. Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. But he who endures to the end will be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world ... then the end will come.”

Most believers today are taught that they are not required to obey the laws of Yahuah. Consequently they are adopting the lawlessness of the world; in sexual immorality, abortion, and ignoring sabbaths, holy days and the name of Yahuah. Consequently believers who preach obedience will be persecuted for social justice. They will lose their jobs and businesses and be persecuted by the government. Satan will make war with those who keep the commandments. For thousands of years he has made obedience to Yahuah’s laws punishable by death<sup>1</sup>. He is about to do it again<sup>2</sup>.

**John 17:14,15** “These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation: but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.”

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1 Daniel Joseph, Corner Fringe Ministries, Hebrews Part 38, Persecution:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uYyREznhIU8>

2 Daniel Joseph, Four Horseman of the Apocalypse, Part 10, Current Events:  
<https://vimeo.com/444348277>

**Acts 14:22** “strengthening the souls of the disciples, exhorting them to continue in the faith, and saying, ‘We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of Yahuah.’ “

Believers have spiritual authority over the forces of evil, so they can be patient in tribulation, knowing that they can overcome spiritual forces with their faith in Yahuah’s word and receiving answers to their prayers. Praying in the spirit will fill the believer with joy.

**Ephesians 6:10-18** “Finally my brethren, be strong in Yahuah and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of Yahuah that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in heavenly places.”

Therefore take up the whole armor of Yahuah, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all to stand. Stand therefore ... with truth ... righteousness ... peace ... faith ... salvation ... and the word of Yahuah; praying always with all prayer and supplication in the spirit.”

**Philippians 4:4-7** “Rejoice in Yahuah always. Again I say rejoice! Let your gentleness be known to all men. Yahuah is at hand. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to Yahuah; and the peace of Yahuah, which passes all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through the Messiah Yahusha.”

If believers resist the spiritual forces with the name of Yahusha, they will flee. They can resist tribulation, persecution and suffering with their authority. They can heal sicknesses, cast out demons, pray for financial resources and success in everything they set their hand to. Their faith in the name of Yahusha will give them victory over the devil.

**2 Timothy 1:7-12** “For Yahuah has not given us a spirit of fear, but of love, and of power and of a sound mind. Therefore do not be ashamed of the

testimony of Yahuah, nor of His prisoner, but share with me in the suffering for the gospel according to the power of Yahuah, who has saved us and called us with a holy calling.”

Most of the leaders in scripture endured time in prison before they were exalted with leadership. Joseph spent about ten years in prison before he was appointed prime minister of Egypt. Abraham was put in a furnace for destroying his father’s idols and rebuking Nimrod for worshiping idols. (Jasher 12:21). David was a fugitive for years before he became king of Israel. Daniel was a captive in Babylon and put in a lions den, but he became prime minister under three kings. Mordecai was to be hanged before he became prime minister of Persia, ruling from Ethiopia to India. All the apostles were put in prison many times and eventually executed by the Romans. Yahuah uses prison to train a believers character before they are chosen for leadership.

**Mark 9:44** “For everyone will be seasoned with fire, and every sacrifice will be seasoned with salt.”

**Romans 5:3-5** “We also glory in tribulation, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance character and character hope. Now hope does not disappoint.”

**1 Peter 4:1,2** “he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, that he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh for the lusts of man, but for the will of Yahuah.”