The Faith of Our Fathers

4) Joseph: Suffering for Christ, the Pathway to Reigning with Him

'Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom' (Luke 12:32) 'Do you not know that we shall judge angels? How much more, things that pertain to this life?'

(1 Cor.6:3)

'And he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations'

(Rev.2:26)

'To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne' (Rev.3:21)

' Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, who prophesied of the grace that would come to you, searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ who was in them was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow' (1 Pet.1:10-11)

'Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?' (Luke 24:26) `"that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death' (Phil.3:10) > Betrayed by brethren

Falsely accused

> Imprisoned

Broken promises

'For what credit is it if, when you are beaten for your faults, you take it patiently? But when you do good and suffer, if you take it patiently, this is commendable before God' (1 Peter 2:20)

'My son, do not despise the chastening of the LORD, nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him; for whom the Lord loves He chastens, and scourges every son whom He receives. If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten?' (Heb.12:5-7)

'He has made everything beautiful in His time' (Ecc.3:11) 'For since the beginning of the world men have not heard now perceived by the ear, nor has the eye seen any God besides You, who acts for the one who waits for Him' (Isa.64:4) 'And it will be said in that day: "Behold this is our God; we have waited for Him, and He will save us. This is the LORD: we have waited for Him; we will be glad and rejoice in His salvation" (Isa.25:9) 'Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time' (1 Peter 5:6) 'He sent a man before them— Joseph—who was sold as a slave. They hurt his feet with fetters, he was laid in irons. <u>Until the time that his</u> <u>word came to pass,</u> <u>The word of the LORD tested him</u>'

(Psa.105:17-19)

'This is a faithful saying: For if we died with Him, we shall also live with Him. If we endure, we shall also reign with Him. If we deny Him, He also will deny us'' (2 Tim.2:11-12) 'The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together' (Rom.8:16-17)

'But you are those who have continued with Me in My trials. And I bestow upon you a kingdom, just as My Father bestowed one upon Me, ³⁰ that you may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel' (Luke 22:28-30)

'For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory' (2 Cor.4:17) 'For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us' (Rom.8:18)

'For He has not put the world to come, of which we speak, in subjection to angels...For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings' (Heb.2:5,10)

"...we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that you endure, which is manifest evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you also suffer' (2 Thes. 1:4-5)

'Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy' (1 Peter 4:12-13)