Fighting the Good Fight, Finishing the Course, Keeping the Faith, and Loving the Lord's Appearing in Order to Morning Watch Receive the Reward of Christ as the Crown of Righteouness - Week 2 July 29-Aug. 4, 2024

Finishing the Course

Monday 7/29

2 Tim. 4:<u>7</u>

7 I have fought the good fight; I have finished the course; I have kept the faith.

Heb. 12:<u>1</u>

1 Therefore let us also, having so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, put away every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us and run with endurance the race which is set before us,

Heb. 10:35

35 Do not cast away therefore your boldness, which has great reward.

1 Cor. 3:14-15

14 If anyone's work which he has built upon the foundation remains, he will receive a reward;

15 If anyone's work is consumed, he will suffer loss, but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

Phil. 3:13-14 See Friday

FurtherReading:HWMRFighting...Finishing...Keeping,,, Loving...Week 2, Day 1

Tuesday 7/30

Heb. 12:<u>2</u>

2 Looking away unto Jesus, the Author and Perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down on the right hand of the throne of God.

Psa. 27:<u>4</u>

4 One thing I have asked from Jehovah; That do I seek: To dwell in the house of Jehovah All the days of my life, To behold the beauty of Jehovah, And to inquire in His temple.

Heb. 12:3

3 For compare Him who has endured such contradiction by sinners against Himself, so that you may not grow weary, fainting in your souls.

Rom. 3:22

22 Even the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ to all those who believe, for there is no distinction;

Gal. 2:16

16 And knowing that a man is not justified out of works of law, but through faith in Jesus Christ, we also have believed into Christ Jesus that we might be justified out of faith in Christ and not out of the works of law, because out of the works of law no flesh will be justified.

Rom. 10:17

17 So faith comes out of hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

S.S. 1:4

4 Draw me; we will run after you-The king has brought me into his chambers-We will be glad and rejoice in you; We will extol your love more than wine. Rightly do they love you.

FurtherReading:HWMRFighting...Finishing...Keeping,,, Loving...Week 2, Day 2

Wednesday 7/31

1 Cor. 9:<u>24-26</u>

24 Do you not know that those who run on a racecourse all run, but one receives the prize? Run in this way, that you may lay hold.

25 And everyone who contends exercises selfcontrol in all things; they then, that they may receive a corruptible crown, but we, an incorruptible.

26 I therefore run in this way, not as though without a clear aim; I box in this way, not as though beating the air;

1 Cor. 9:27

27 But I buffet my body and make it my slave, lest perhaps having preached to others, I myself may become disapproved.

1 Pet. 1:4

4 Unto an inheritance, incorruptible and undefiled and unfading, kept in the heavens for you,

1 Pet. 5:4

4 And when the Chief Shepherd is manifested,

you will receive the unfading crown of glory.

Rev. 2:10

10 Do not fear the things that you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to cast some of you into prison that you may be tried, and you will have tribulation for ten days. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life.

Rev. 3:11

11 I come quickly; hold fast what you have that no one take your crown.

Further Reading: *HWMR Fighting... Finishing... Keeping,, Loving... Week 2, Day 3*

Thursday 8/1

2 Cor. 4:<u>13,18</u>

13 And having the same spirit of faith according to that which is written, "I believed, therefore I spoke," we also believe, therefore we also speak,

18 Because we do not regard the things which are seen but the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

2 Cor. 5:<u>7</u>

7 (For we walk by faith, not by appearance)-

Eph 2:8

8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this not of yourselves; it is the gift of God;

Rom. 8:24

24 For we were saved in hope. But a hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what he sees?

Heb. 11:1, 27

1 Now faith is the substantiation of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

27 By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king, for he persevered as one seeing the unseen One.

FurtherReading:HWMRFighting...Finishing...Keeping,,, Loving...Week 2, Day 4

Friday 8/2

1 Pet. 1:<u>8</u>

8 Whom having not seen, you love; into whom though not seeing Him at present, yet believing, you exult with joy that is unspeakable and full of glory,

2 Cor. 3:<u>18</u>

18 But we all with unveiled face, beholding and reflecting like a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as from the Lord Spirit.

Matt 25:23

23 His master said to him, Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful over a few things; I will set you over many things. Enter into the joy of your master.

Gal 2:20

20 I am crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live in faith, the faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

Phil 3:12-14

12 Not that I have already obtained or am already perfected, but I pursue, if even I may lay hold of that for which I also have been laid hold of by Christ Jesus.

13 Brothers, I do not account of myself to have laid hold; but one thing I do: Forgetting the things which are behind and stretching forward to the things which are before,

14 I pursue toward the goal for the prize to which God in Christ Jesus has called me upward.

FurtherReading:HWMRFighting...Finishing...Keeping,,, Loving...Week 2, Day 5

Saturday 8/3

Heb. 12:<u>3</u> See Tuesday

Acts 20:<u>24</u>

24 But I consider my life of no account as if precious to myself, in order that I may finish my course and the ministry which I have received from the Lord Jesus to solemnly testify of the gospel of the grace of God.

Num 32:6

6 And Moses said to the children of Gad and to

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the children of Reuben, Shall your brothers go to war, while you stay here?

Micah 7:8

8 Do not rejoice against me, O my enemy; When I fall, I will rise up; When I sit in the darkness, Jehovah will be a light to me.

Mark 6:45-51

45 And immediately He compelled His disciples to step into the boat and go before to the other side, toward Bethsaida, while He sent the crowd away.

46 Ånd after He said farewell to them, He went away to the mountain to pray.

47 Ånd when evening fell, the boat was in the midst of the sea and He was alone on the land.

48 And seeing them distressed as they rowed, for the wind was contrary to them, He came toward them about the fourth watch of the night, walking on the sea, and He intended to pass by them.

49 But when they saw Him walking on the sea, they thought that it was a ghost, and they cried out,

50 For they all saw Him and were startled. But immediately He spoke with them and said to them, Take courage. It is I. Do not be afraid.

51 And He went up unto them into the boat, and the wind ceased. And they were greatly astonished in themselves beyond measure,

Further Reading: *HWMR Fighting... Finishing... Keeping,, Loving... Week 2, Day 6*

Lord's Day 8/4

John 20:19-29

19 When therefore it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and while the doors were shut where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst and said to them, Peace be to you.

20 And when He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. The disciples therefore rejoiced at seeing the Lord.

21 Then Jesus said to them again, Peace be to you; as the Father has sent Me, I also send you.
22 And when He had said this, He breathed into them and said to them, Receive the Holy Spirit.
23 Whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven them; and whose sins you retain, they are

retained.

24 But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came.

25 The other disciples therefore said to him, We have seen the Lord! But he said to them, Unless I see in His hands the mark of the nails and put my finger into the mark of the nails and put my hand into His side, I will by no means believe.

26 And after eight days, His disciples were again within, and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, though the doors were shut, and stood in the midst and said, Peace be to you.

27 Then He said to Thomas, Bring your finger here and see My hands, and bring your hand and put it into My side; and do not be unbelieving, but believing.

28 Thomas answered and said to Him, My Lord and my God!

29 Jesus said to him, Because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.

Hymn, #1206

Further Reading:

None

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Level 1—Hebrews Sequential Reading Scripture Reading and Copying: *Heb. 9:1-5* Assigned Reading: *Life-study of Hebrews, msg. 42*

Level 2—Hebrews Topical Study

Crucial Point: Hope, Diligence, and Assurance until the End

Scripture: Heb. 3:6, 14; 6:11, 15; 10:36 Assigned Reading: Life-study of Hebrews, msgs. 34 Supplemental Reading: The Way for a Christian to Mature in Life, chs. 16, 19, 21

Questions:

I. Why are diligence, assurance, and hope needed until the end?

2. According to Scripture, what are the things of which we must have assurance?

3. *Explain how Heb.* 6:13-18 *fit in the context of the verses.*

4. In Heb. 6:12, what does it mean to "inherit the promises?"