

“Are You Battling the Lord?”

Revelation 16:12-21

Sunday, September 24, 2023

1. Stop Looking for Signs (12-14)

A. (Jer 17:9) "The heart is deceitful above all things, And desperately wicked; Who can know it?" NKJV

2. Start Looking to Jesus (15-16)

A. (1 Thess 5:2-4) "² ...you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. ³ For when they say, “Peace and safety!” then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. ⁴ But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. " NKJV

B. Principle: Gifting and Experience are obvious, but the process tests the heart

C. (1 Pe 1:6–9) "⁶ In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷ 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 Jesus Christ, ⁸ whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, ⁹ receiving the end of your faith—the salvation of your souls." NKJV

D. (Heb 12:1–2) "¹ Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ² 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 has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." NKJV

3. Say ‘so long’ to the World (17-21)

A. (Heb 12:26-27) "...²⁶ ...Yet once more I shake not only the earth, but also heaven." ²⁷ Now this, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of those things that are being shaken, as of things that are made, that the things which cannot be shaken may remain. " NKJV

B. (Heb 11:9-10) "⁹ By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; ¹⁰ for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God. " NKJV

C. (Ro 12:2) "...do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. " NKJV