*Thursday, February 17, 2011*

**Endurance**

Psalms 40:1-3 I waited patiently for the LORD; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry. (2) He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings. (3) And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD. (KJV)

A couple of the definitions for the word ‘waited’ are: to tarry, as well as patience. Amazing how many times patience keeps coming up in the scriptures, and yet how many times we run past them looking for a quick fix. Many in this country that we live in have a wait problem; oh not an over wait one, but rather many are under wait Spiritually, and malnourished because of it.

Psalms 62:5-8 My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from him. (6) He only is my rock and my salvation: he is my defence; I shall not be moved. (7) In God is my salvation and my glory: the rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God. (8) Trust in him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us. Selah. (KJV)

Thus the importance of taking the time in the Word daily; so that you can be reminded and encouraged of who your source of life is, and the only answer that you should be settling for. Oh I know you prayed about something weeks or months ago, and the enemy is trying to tell you that nothing is happening. However, if the truth be known, your answer is like a chess game, God is putting the pieces in place so that when you arrive in the place that He would have you, His results will manifest in a way that you never saw coming. Oh but how few continue on the path of life; but rather settle for something else, something that our Lord never intended for them in the first place.

Romans 8:24-25 For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? (25) But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it. (KJV)

Your Bible is quite specific to point out that the just shall live by faith; a faith in things not seen to the outward man but alive and real to those who look inwardly. Those that are looking for outward signs and manifestations of God are headed the wrong way and are being deceived, while those that look to the realm of the Spirit will find their strength to persevere.

Hebrews 11:24-27 By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; (25) Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; (26) Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward. (27) By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible. (KJV)

You know, Moses fared well with God and was used mightily by Him. We see in verse 27 that he was able to endure as seeing that his answer and source of strength came from someone who is invisible, but yet alive and real to those that look to Him. You will find in your walk with the Lord that the only way that you will be able to endure to the end is by seeing for yourself who you are in Christ, and where He would have you operate in His body of believers.