

# Bold Faith

## Great Outcomes



Revelation 3:14-18 (NIV®)

<sup>14</sup> "To the angel of the church in Laodicea write: These are the words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of God's creation. <sup>15</sup> **I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other!** <sup>16</sup> So, because you are lukewarm--neither hot nor cold--I am about to spit you out of my mouth. <sup>17</sup> You say, 'I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.' But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked. <sup>18</sup> I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich; and white clothes to wear, so you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see.

Revelation 22:11-13 (NASB®)

<sup>11</sup> "Let the one who does wrong, still do wrong; and the one who is filthy, still be filthy; and let the one who is righteous, still practice righteousness; and the one who is holy, still keep himself holy." <sup>12</sup> "Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward *is* with Me, to render to every man according to what he has done. <sup>13</sup> "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

## I. Faith in God who Restores

Isaiah 1:18-20 (NIV®)

<sup>18</sup> "Come now, let us reason together," says the LORD. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool. <sup>19</sup> If you are willing and obedient, you will eat the best from the land; <sup>20</sup> but if you resist and rebel, you will be devoured by the sword." For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Judges 13:2-5 (NIV®)

<sup>2</sup> A certain man of Zorah, named Manoah, from the clan of the Danites, had a wife who was sterile and remained childless. <sup>3</sup> The angel of the LORD appeared to her and said, "You are sterile and childless, but you are going to conceive and have a son. . . . and he will begin the deliverance of Israel from the hands of the Philistines."

Judges 16:20-22 (NIV®)

<sup>20</sup> Then she called, "Samson, the Philistines are upon you!" He awoke from his sleep and thought, "I'll go out as before and shake myself free." But **he did not know that the LORD had left him.** <sup>21</sup> Then the Philistines seized him, gouged out his eyes and took him down to Gaza. Binding him with bronze shackles, they set him to grinding in the prison. <sup>22</sup> But the hair on his head began to grow again after it had been shaved.

Judges 16:26-29 (NIV®)

<sup>26</sup> Samson said to the servant who held his hand, "Put me where I can feel the pillars that support the temple, so that I may lean against them." <sup>27</sup> Now the temple was crowded with men and women; all the rulers of the Philistines were there, and on the roof were about three thousand men and women watching Samson perform. <sup>28</sup> Then Samson prayed to the LORD, "**O Sovereign LORD, remember me. O God, please strengthen me just once more,** and let me with one blow get revenge on the Philistines for my two eyes." <sup>29</sup> Then Samson reached toward the two central pillars on which the temple stood. Bracing himself against them, his right hand on the one and his left hand on the other,

## II. God's Faithfulness

1 Peter 2:23 (NIV®)

<sup>23</sup> When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly.

2 Peter 3:9-10 (NIV®)

<sup>9</sup> The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. <sup>10</sup> But the day of the Lord will come like a thief.

1 Peter 1:6-7 (NIV®)

<sup>6</sup> In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. <sup>7</sup> These have come **so that your faith**--of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire--**may be proved genuine** and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

Isaiah 63:9 (NIV®)

<sup>9</sup> In all their distress he too was distressed, and the angel of his presence saved them. In his love and mercy he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

## A. Faith Combined with Patience???

Hebrews 6:12 (NIV®)

<sup>12</sup> We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who **through faith and patience inherit what has been promised.**

Hebrews 6:14-15 (NASB®)

<sup>14</sup> saying, "I WILL SURELY BLESS YOU AND I WILL SURELY MULTIPLY YOU." <sup>15</sup> And so, having patiently waited, he obtained the promise.

James 1:2-3 (NASB®)

<sup>2</sup> Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, <sup>3</sup> knowing that the testing of your faith produces (patient) endurance.

Luke 21:17-19 (NIV®)

<sup>17</sup> All men will hate you because of me. <sup>18</sup> But not a hair of your head will perish. <sup>19</sup> By standing firm you will gain life.

Galatians 6:9 (NIV®)

<sup>9</sup> Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest **if we do not give up.**

## B. Redeems Time

Romans 5:6 (NIV®)

<sup>6</sup> You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.

Hebrews 11:11 (NIV®)

<sup>11</sup> By faith Abraham, **even though he was past age**--and Sarah herself was barren--was enabled to become a father because **he considered him faithful** who had made the promise. . . . <sup>19</sup> Abraham reasoned that God could raise the dead, and figuratively speaking, he did receive Isaac back from death.

Jonah 3:1-2 (NIV®)

<sup>1</sup> Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: <sup>2</sup> "Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you."

Philippians 3:13-14 (NIV®)

. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

## Prayer

Heavenly Father I rejoice in Your great faithfulness to me. You are my rock and my redeemer. All my days are secure in Your hands. Your lovingkindness overshadows me. You have called me out of darkness and set my feet on a path of righteousness. I put my trust in You for You are a faithful God, amen.

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