CAN YOU FACE THE END OF THE AGE WITHOUT FEAR?

THE LAST DAYS

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Surviving the Last Days

The Bible has a great deal to say about the end times. It starts in the first book, Genesis, and continues all the way through the last book, Revelation.

I was in a medical facility once for some routine medical tests and at one point I had a doctor and two nurses there with me. They asked me, "What do you think about the condition of the world today?" I said, "I believe we're living in the last days." Rather to my surprise, all three of them said they believed that was true. It was quite surprising.

In this book we are going to explore how to approach the last days. I believe that it will be a time of testing—the severest testing that humanity has ever experienced. There are some very serious statements made in Scripture about the last days.

Trouble in the Last Days

In 2 Timothy 3:1 Paul says to Timothy, "Know this." It is very emphatic. You can be certain of one thing, this you must not forget.

But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come. . . .

The Greek word that's translated *perilous* here only occurs in one other place in the New Testament, in Matthew 8, where it is used to describe two demon-possessed men who came to meet Jesus on the east shore of the Sea of Galilee. And there it is translated *fierce*. It says they were "exceedingly fierce." So, what the Scripture is telling us is that in the last days fierce times will come. I think that is a much better translation than *perilous*.

Paul goes on in 2 Timothy to give the reason these fierce times will come. The reason is the deterioration of human character, ethics and morals. He lists eighteen moral blemishes that will be conspicuous in the last days. Three of them are things that people love. The first is "lovers of themselves," the second is "lovers of money" and the last one is "lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God" (verses 2, 4).

With unerring accuracy, Scripture pinpoints the great basic problem that faces humanity—to say nothing of America and the modern Western world.

It is love of self. Self-love is the cause of the breakup of marriages, families, churches and society in general. The prevailing attitude is, "This is what *I* want. What *you* want is secondary. I know what I want and I'm going to have it." That attitude is responsible for the state of the modern family. The breakup of the family is the precursor to the breakup of society.

We are warned again about what will happen in the last days in Matthew 24:7–13. Jesus is speaking about the birth pangs, or labor pains, that will issue in the kingdom of God on earth. One inescapable fact about the kingdom of God is there is only one way into it. You cannot join it; you must be born into it. Jesus said that unless a man is born again he can neither see nor enter the kingdom of God (John 3:3, 5). That is true not only of the individual; it is true of the earth. The earth can only enter into the kingdom of God through a birth. In Matthew 19 Jesus calls it the regeneration (verse 28). And like every birth it is preceded by birth pangs. In Matthew 24:7–13 Jesus lists some of the main labor pains:

"For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of sorrows. Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake. And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another. Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. But he who endures to the end shall be saved."

The first indicator of the coming of God's kingdom is nation rising against nation. Interestingly, the Greek word there for *nation* is *ethnos*, which gives us the phrase "ethnic conflict," one of the conspicuous features of the present situation in the world.

Then Jesus says that kingdom will rise against kingdom, which I would interpret as political wars. These are followed by famines and pestilences and earthquakes.

As if those occurrences were not traumatic enough, Jesus goes further and makes it personal: "You will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of Me." The natural result of this will be that many turn away from their faith. Jesus indicates, though, that people will not simply walk away from following Him. They will go so

far as to actually betray and hate each other. This, of course, produces a perfect breeding ground for the appearance of highly influential false prophets.

The next sign is abounding lawlessness. Anyone who has lived in the same nation for at least ten years would agree that lawlessness is on a continual increase. Jesus then completes His list by saying the love of many Christians will grow cold. The Greek word for *love* used there is *agape*, the word normally applied to the special love of Christians.

But Jesus is far from hopeless. He immediately follows His litany of endtime indicators with an admonition about the need for endurance. He says, "He who endures to the end shall be saved." The Greek is more specific than the translation here. It says, "He who *has endured* to the end shall be saved." You are saved now, but to remain saved you must endure to the end.

Let's recap this very significant list:

- Nation against nation
- Kingdom against kingdom
- Famines, pestilences, earthquakes
- Christians persecuted and hated by all nations
- Many Christians offended and betraying one another
- Many false prophets
- Abounding lawlessness
- The love of many Christians growing cold
- Finally, the need for endurance

None of this, obviously, is going to be very pleasant. One thing I have learned about the Bible, however, is to be objective. I started to study the Bible as a believer when I was 25, and I made up my mind then that I would try to find out what the Bible really says—setting aside human opinion, human interpretation, and my own prejudice.

We all have prejudices—personal prejudices, racial prejudices, nationalistic prejudices, denominational prejudices, theological prejudices. But if you really want to hear what God is saying in His Word, you have to lay all of that aside and open your heart and mind in humility to hear what God really says. I have often told people, "If you've never been amazed by

what you read in the Bible, you've never really read your Bible." It is an amazing book.

Choosing the Right Response

Once we digest Jesus' foreboding prophecy of the end times, we must each choose how we will respond. Some may live in denial, choosing to ignore this passage of Scripture—and presumably other passages—just because it is too uncomfortable to think about. Some may become consumed with the signs of the end times, connecting everything from the daily news to stubbing their toe to the coming of the end of the age. I believe, however, that God Himself has revealed in His Word precisely how we, as His people, should live in the last days.

The first chapters of Revelation are the essential key to approaching the end days. If we do not come by this approach, we will be overwhelmed by the forces that will be released against us. But if we understand the picture God presents here to John, we can face the last days without fear. John says:

I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet, saying, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last," and "What you see, write in a book and send it to the seven churches which are in Asia: to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamos, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea." Then I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands...

Revelation 1:10–17

I have noticed in Revelation that when there is to be a personal revelation of God, the attention of the person receiving the revelation does not usually focus initially on the person of the Lord. It is as if we could not stand to be immediately confronted. So, first of all, John sees the seven lampstands. Then he says:

... and in the midst of the seven lampstands One like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band. His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire; His feet were like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters; He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged

sword, and His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength. And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead.

verses 13–17

Of any of the apostles, John likely had the most intimate relationship with Jesus while He was on earth. He was the one who reclined on the Lord's bosom at the Last Supper and asked the question, "Who is the one who betrays you?" (John 21:20). Even after the resurrection, he shared breakfast with Jesus on the shore of the Sea of Galilee together with a number of other disciples. But at this point in Scripture, John receives a totally new revelation of Jesus—a revelation so overpowering that he fell at His feet like a dead man. What was the revelation? I believe John encountered Jesus as Judge.

We hear very little in the church today about the fact that Jesus is not only Savior, but He is also Judge. He is the Judge of all men. He will judge the church and later on He will judge all the rest of the dead. It is extremely important that we come face to face with the fact that Jesus is the Judge.

As you read this first chapter of Revelation, you can see it was a terrifying spectacle indeed: eyes like a flame of fire, a voice like the sound of many waters, a sharp sword coming out of His mouth; feet like burnished bronze in a furnace. All of those are types of judgment. And when John encountered the Judge, he fell at His feet as one dead. Some may argue that John is even admitting that he fainted.

We will all encounter Jesus as Judge one day. No exceptions. This is a very important reality for us to grasp. Paul says:

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

2 Corinthians 5:10

Notice that there are only two categories: good and bad. Whatever is not good is bad. There is nothing neutral in God's categories. Paul goes on to say:

Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men. . . . verse 11

I wonder how many of us have ever come to know "the terror of the Lord"? How many pastors ever preach from a full understanding of the terror

of the Lord as it applies to themselves? This spectacle of Jesus was so overwhelming that John became like a dead man.

[Jesus] laid His right hand on me, saying to me, "Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last. I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death."

Revelation 1:17–18

Here Jesus is presented not merely as the Judge, but as the total victor over all forms of evil: sin, death, Satan, Hades. He emerges totally victorious; there is nothing missing in His victory.

Remember, Jesus did not go through death and resurrection for His own sake—He has always been victorious. Rather, He identified Himself with us that He might take our place and bring us into His victory. That is the essence of the grace and the mercy of God.

Let's look closer at the seven lamp-stands, which are the seven churches. John saw Jesus standing in the midst of the seven churches. God's primary concern in history is the church. In Titus 2 we learn that God wants to present to Himself "His own special people, zealous for good works" (verse 14). That is where the focus of the Lord begins—not on the nations, not on the politicians, not on the military commanders, but on His church. We are first in the list of His concerns. If you do not take hold of that—and believe it—you will be easily frightened. The first place John saw Him was in the midst of the churches walking to and fro, examining each church. Then Jesus says at the end of Revelation 1:

"The mystery of the seven stars which you saw in My right hand, and the seven golden lampstands: The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands which you saw are the seven churches."

verse 20

I believe that the angels mentioned here represent the ministers of the seven churches. We who are in the ministry—pastors, evangelists, apostles, teachers, prophets—need to remember the Lord holds us in His right hand. What a solemn thought.

In the next two chapters of Revelation, Jesus dictates messages to be

delivered to the seven churches. It is important to note that every message was sent to a church. My logical mind would tell me that anybody who was not in a church never got the message.

I believe—with certain extreme exceptions—that God expects every believer to be a committed member of a congregation. If the message of Revelation were sent today and you were not committed to any congregation, you would never get the message. It is only sent to the churches—to every individual in the churches. The words, "If anybody hears My voice," tell me that it is not enough to be in the church, you must be able to hear the voice of the Lord.

I want to point out two important observations in these messages to the churches. In most of the modern translations, five times—to five of the churches—Jesus says, "I know your works." That is significant. He did not say, "I know your denominational label." He did not say, "I know your church program." He did not even say, "I'm familiar with your statement of faith." He said, "I know what you're doing." And that is what matters. It is not what we say, it is what we do that counts.

Also, five times—to five of the seven churches—His first commandment was to repent. People have asked me, "Do Christians ever need to repent?" My answer is that at least five out of seven churches in Revelation needed to repent. From what I know of contemporary churches, I would say the ratio would not be any lower. Remember, repentance is the key to everything else. If you bypass repentance, you can never have true faith. You can seek and call out for the blessings of God, but they will never really come your way because the first condition is repentance.

When John the Baptist came to prepare the way for Jesus, repentance was the first element of his message. When Jesus began to preach, His first public utterance was, "Repent, and believe in the gospel" (Mark 1:16). On the Day of Pentecost when the unconverted multitudes said to Peter, "What must we do?" the first thing Peter said was, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized" (Acts 2:38). In Ephesus, Paul said, "I did not fail to teach you both publicly and in every house repentance toward God and faith toward the Lord Jesus Christ" (Acts 20:20–21).

I have spent countless hours counseling Christians with problems, and have come to the conclusion that there are limits to what can be accomplished

by counseling. I would say at least fifty percent of most Christians' problems are due to the fact that they have not repented. I suggest that if you are struggling with problems in your Christian experience, ask yourself if you have truly repented. Turn totally from everything displeasing to God and yield yourself to Him in unconditional surrender.

The messages to the churches in Revelation contain various main elements—commendation, praise for what is good, correction where things are going wrong, warning of judgment that may follow, and a promise. But notice that the promises are given only to one kind of person: to him who overcomes. I cannot find any promises in the New Testament to those who do not overcome. In Romans 12:21 Paul says, "Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good."

There are only two options: to overcome or to be overcome. And the only thing powerful enough to overcome evil is good. At the end of the book of Revelation God Himself speaks and says, "He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son" (Revelation 21:7).

God's Nature Releases Faith

Now let's go a little further into Revelation. Chapter 4 is vital for making the right approach to God; it is the throne room of the universe.

After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven. And the first voice which I heard was like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, "Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place after this." Immediately I was in the Spirit, and behold, a throne set in heaven, and One sat on the throne."

verses 1–2

The first thing John saw was a throne. Again, he could not look immediately at the One who sat on the throne, but the theme of this whole chapter is the word *throne*. In this short chapter—which only has 11 verses—the word *throne* occurs 14 times. Do not miss the theme: there is a throne that rules the universe. Everything in the universe is totally under the control of the One who sits on the throne.

Chapter 4 reveals four aspects of God's nature. First, that *He is holy*—the single most important revelation of God given in Scripture. The word *holy* is the only word that is repeated three times and joined with the name of God,

once in Isaiah 6 and once here in Revelation 4: "Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty" (verse 8). In my observation, there is very little understanding or concern about holiness in most of the Christian church in the Western world today.

The second revelation is that *God is almighty*.

The third is that *He is eternal*—He was, He is, He is to come.

And the fourth revelation is that *He is the Creator* of all things.

Take time to meditate on those four revelations of the nature of God: holy, almighty, eternal, Creator. Once you get a clear vision of God, the problems on earth take on a different perspective. But without that vision, you will be facing situations, pressures and dangers that you are not equipped to face.

The Revelation

In Revelation 5, the scroll that is the actual book of Revelation is presented. It was sealed, as you know, with seven seals. In those days, they did not have printed books as we know them today. They had long sheets of paper or parchment that were rolled up. Every book was originally a scroll. Revelation 5 opens with a very strong angel crying with a loud voice:

"Who is worthy to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals?" And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll, or to look at it. But one of the elders said to [John], "Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and loose its seven seals."

verses 2–3, 5

I believe the scroll is God's plan to close the age. And John is told that the Lion of the tribe of Judah has prevailed. I imagine He looked around expecting to see a very strong, fierce, warlike lion. And what did he see? A Lamb looking as if it had been slain (verse 6).

Close your eyes and think about that image. The strength of God is not in physical strength. It is not in human strength. The strength of the Creator of the universe is manifested in a broken spirit. It is a humble life.

If you want God's power, do not climb upwards, bend downwards. The great evangelist Dwight Moody once said, "When I was a young Christian, I thought that God kept His gifts on shelves and the best gifts were on the

highest shelves and I would have to reach up. I learned later the best gifts are on the lowest shelf and I had to stoop down."

In 1 Corinthians 1:25 Paul says, "The foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men." The things that seem foolish and weak to the natural mind are the things in which God invests His wisdom and His strength. Paul was undoubtedly talking about the cross when he spoke about the foolishness of God and the weakness of God. What is weaker than a crucified man? What is more foolish than to allow your Son to be crucified in front of jeering crowds?

Have you ever noticed that God never corrected that impression? Jesus was never revealed alive afterwards except to witnesses chosen by God. As far as the world is concerned, the last they ever saw of Him was a corpse on a cross. God did nothing to correct that impression. The weakness of God is stronger than men; the foolishness of God is wiser than men.

Paul's message in 2 Timothy 2 holds a lesson of tremendous importance to the contemporary church—especially the leadership:

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.

verses 11–12

We have got to understand and embrace the fact that the way up is down. The higher you want to go, the lower you need to start. Jesus said that everyone who exalts himself shall be abased, and everyone who humbles himself shall be exalted (Luke 18:14).

In Philippians 2, after speaking about the humiliation of Jesus to the most ultimate degree, the next word that Paul uses is *therefore*:

Therefore God has also highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name. . . .

verse 9

Why was Jesus exalted? Not because He was a favorite son, but because He met the conditions.

If you want to be exalted, come down. The lower down you come, the

higher God will place you. Today I see in the church so much aggressive self-promotion and so much personal ambition. One of the greatest problems in the church today is personal ambition. That was the problem of Satan himself, Lucifer. He wanted equality with God, so he moved to promote himself and he was thrown down. Everyone who seeks to promote himself will ultimately be abased.

Worship Releases Vision

In Revelation 5 John begins describing the response to this slain Lamb:

Now when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sang a new song, saying:

"You are worthy to take the scroll,
And to open its seals;
For You were slain,
And have redeemed us to God by Your blood
Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation,
And have made us kings and priests to our God;
And we shall reign on the earth."

Revelation 5:8–10

Notice that when you pray, your prayers come up like incense before God. And the worship started right at the center with those immediately around the throne. Then John says:

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands.

verse 11

Ten thousand times ten thousand is a hundred million and one thousand times one thousand is one million. Can you even conceive in your mind what it would be like to look out over millions of angels? The worship spread outward from the throne to the angels. John then completes the picture:

... saying with a loud voice:

"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain

To receive power and riches and wisdom, And strength and honor and glory and blessing!"

And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying:

"Blessing and honor and glory and power Be to Him who sits on the throne, And to the Lamb, forever and ever!"

verses 12-14

The worship spread outward from the throne, to the angels, then to every creature in the universe. And they are all united in praising God.

So follow the outline of what God presents here: Jesus is the Judge, His concern for the churches is first and foremost, and the throne room of God is filled with the expanding throngs of those in worship. If you face the future without that vision, it will be difficult at best to endure whatever adversity may come. I believe it is imperative that we always remember to see things from this perspective.

God Initiates the End

As the seals are opened in Revelation 6, the first image is of four horsemen:

Now I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals; and I heard one of the four living creatures saying with a voice like thunder, "Come and see."

verse 1

As we explore this, keep in mind that every one of these horsemen were commanded from heaven. They are not the result of things that happened on earth. It is important to remember that the initiative came from God.

And I looked, and behold, a white horse. He who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer.

verse 2

The crown mentioned here is not a royal crown, but the wreath of one who has won a victory against opponents, like the gold medal in today's Olympic

games.

It has become so vivid to me that the white horse is Jesus Christ riding out, taking the gospel through all the earth. He went out "conquering and to conquer"—He was undefeatable. There was no power on earth that could defeat Him. Psalm 45 offers a description of who I picture on that white horse:

My heart is overflowing with a good theme; I recite my composition concerning the King; My tongue is the pen of a ready writer. You are fairer than the sons of men; Grace is poured upon Your lips; Therefore God has blessed You forever.

verses 1–2

Notice again the word *therefore*. There was a reason why God blessed Jesus: because grace was on His lips. If you want to be blessed, perhaps you could make sure that grace is on your lips.

Gird Your sword upon Your thigh, O Mighty One,

With Your glory and Your majesty.

And in Your majesty ride prosperously because of truth, humility and righteousness;

And Your right hand shall teach You awesome things.

Your arrows are sharp in the heart of the King's enemies;

The peoples fall under You.

verses 3–5

This is no ordinary human conqueror. Human conquerors are not marked by truth, humility and righteousness. This is a divine conqueror. I believe the arrows mentioned here are the arrows of the conviction of the Holy Spirit—conviction that can pierce human hearts and cause people to fall before Him.

Severe Judgments

When He opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, "Come and see." Another horse, fiery red, went out. And it was granted to the one who sat on it to take peace from the earth, and that people should kill one another; and there was given to him a great sword.

I believe this horse represents ethnic conflict—something released on earth that makes people of one nation or group, attack and seek to destroy another group. This is seen all around the globe today—in South Africa, North Africa, Israel, much of the former Soviet Union. I believe that ultimately no nation on earth will be spared from this. But remember that this horse—like all the others—was ordered from heaven. It is part of judgment.

When He opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, "Come and see." So I looked, and behold, a black horse, and he who sat on it had a pair of scales in his hand. And I heard a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying, "A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not harm the oil and the wine."

verses 5–6

This black horse to me is a clear picture of shortage and rationing. A denarius was a working man's daily wage. So, a working man at that time would get just enough money to feed himself. And then it says, "Do not harm the oil and the wine." I believe the oil and the wine were reserved for the rich. And in the midst of the shortage there were those who were living in luxury. That is happening in the world today. The poor are getting poorer and the rich are getting richer—and, to a considerable degree, the rich do not care for the poor. They care for themselves. They are gripped by that spirit of self-love.

When He opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, "Come and see." So I looked, and behold, a pale horse. And the name of him who sat on it was Death, and Hades followed with him. And power [authority] was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword, with hunger, with death, and by the beasts of the earth.

verses 7–8

What a vivid picture of famine and ensuing widespread death. It says actually it would affect the fourth part of the earth.

This rider, Death, has Hades along with him. Death claims the bodies of men; Hades claims the souls of men. And notice authority was given to them. Where did the authority come from? From God, from the throne.

Reach the Unreached

As I meditate on those four horses, I am struck with the conviction that the white horse has to stay ahead of the other three horses. We must reach the world with the offer of mercy through the gospel before these terrible judgments fall on people.

I have been privileged to see it happen in some cases. I held a conference in Moscow for a thousand leaders of the church—all of whom had been contacted previously either through my radio program in Russia or my books. Some of them had traveled six days by train to get to that conference. Nowhere have I seen greater enthusiasm than in those young Russian people.

It is such an encouragement to meet people who are hungry, who are thirsty, who have never heard and do not know about Jesus. We had an intercessory team of about 25 people at the Moscow conference who came just to intercede. They went out into Red Square in the middle of Moscow and held a prayer meeting. As a crowd formed, one brother preached a very simple gospel message. When he finished, a young man ran up to him, threw his arms around his neck and said, "I'm a Muslim, and I never heard before that God loves me."

You are missing something if you are not involved in reaching the unreached. You can sit in a comfortable church and have a wonderful time, but there are indescribable rewards that come from touching those who have never heard. Our ambition is to ride with that white horse before the other horses get there.

I see the other horses—the red horse in particular—have advanced a long way. And in some places the black horse is there and in some places the pale horse. People are dying of famine in so many parts of the world. Remember what Jesus said to the church, "I know your works; I know what you're doing." It is wonderful to praise the Lord, but that is only the beginning.

What do you do when you leave the church building? What is the aim of your life? Is it to serve Jesus—to be available to Him at any cost, in any place, at any time?

I have lived long enough and been in the church long enough to notice that very often it is not the really gifted people that get results, but the committed people. Somebody once said, "God only asks for one ability: availability." Are you available?

The Key to Personal Victory

The key to living victoriously in the end times is having a clear picture of Jesus and His role. We must approach this with a vision of Jesus, the Victor over sin, death and the grave. We must see Him as the Judge; as the only one competent to open the scroll; as the Lion of the tribe of Judah. If you do not have a vision of the throne room of God and its power and its complete control, you run the risk of being very fearful, disheartened and discouraged by what lies ahead.

Remember, in this picture of Jesus in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks, He was also in the midst of the throne of God. It is good news that the One who is in the midst of the church is also in the midst of the throne. He is our direct connection to God. He will never leave us nor forsake us. He is totally faithful. When He rides out of heaven on His white horse, His name is Faithful and True. You can trust Him. You can put your confidence in Him.

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