

The 'Ever Ready' Christian

Bodies of water get frozen in extremely cold winters, but living faith in God remains fervent, fiery, alive, strong and buoyantly victorious in all circumstances

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Changes in circumstances have a way of affecting human beings through their responses. Often our responses reflect our beliefs, vision, goals, values, purpose and philosophies in life.

God, the creator of the universe is not controlled by circumstances and therefore remains stable in character, faith and faithfulness. He told Israel, through a prophet **"... I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed"** (Malachi 3:6). As human beings are created in God's image (Genesis 1:26), it is only appropriate for all to aspire to His nature. And this is even more important for Christians who have been redeemed by Christ.

The 'Ever Ready' Christian must take the challenge of Prophet Jeremiah very seriously **"If thou hast run with the footmen, and they have wearied thee, then how canst thou contend with horses? and if in the land of peace, wherein thou trustedst, they wearied thee, then how wilt thou do in the swelling of Jordan?"** (Jeremiah 12:5). Compared to the persecutions that some Christians under harsh regimes have gone through, most Christians in the 'free' world are having a 'jolly' time. The challenge is that if under 'jolly'

conditions your faith cannot stand, how will it stand under severe trials?

This is a timely call to recharge your faith and remain ever ready by:

1. Studying the Bible (2 Timothy 2:15)
2. Praying always (Luke 8:1; 1 Thessalonians 5:17)
3. Regularly attend church worship with others (Proverbs 27:17; Ecclesiastes 4:9; Hebrews 10:25).
4. Maintain clear divine priorities and renew the mind always (1 Peter 3:15; Romans 12:1)
5. Be fervent in Spirit (Romans 12:11)
6. Serve God and preach 'instant in season, out of season' (2 Timothy 4:2)
7. Maintain a lively hope in God's word and His promises (Lamentations 3:26)

The 'winter' may be cold, but your faith must never freeze! Whatever you are going through, keep your faith alive and active in maintaining a close walk with God. Be **EVER READY!**



"Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh"

(Matthew 24:44).

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