



# Enduring To The End

**“But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved” (Matthew 24:13).**

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It is one thing to start well and entirely another to end well. King Solomon noted in Ecclesiastes 7:8 that “Better is the end of a thing than the beginning thereof...” In response to the disciples’ question about the end time, Jesus pointed out the essence of enduring to the end. This is the salient point for all of us today.

“And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to him for to shew him the buildings of the temple. 2 And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down. 3 And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world? 4 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. 5 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. 6 And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. 7 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. 8 All these are the beginning of sorrows. 9 Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake. 10 And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another. 11 And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. 12 And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. 13 But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved. 14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.” (Matthew 24:1-14).

In this section of the discuss, we learn the following:

- 1) “Jesus went out, and departed from the temple” (vs 1). Jesus was not tied to one place. Once His mission was over at that time and place, He moved on, irrespective of how wonderful or magnificent the place may have been. For Him, purpose takes pre-eminence to place, and so must it be for us, if we are to accomplish our God given mission on earth.
- 2) Impressed by the magnificence of the place, “his disciples came to him for to shew him the buildings of the temple” (vs 1). Jesus imme-

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diately responded “... See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down” (vs 2).

- 3) The disciples only saw the present, but Jesus could see through the present into the future. To live right and decide correctly, we must pray for and acquire the divine ability to see “the end from the beginning” (Isaiah 46:10).
- 4) Jesus’ answer caught the attention of the disciples and prompted them to probe further “when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world” (vs 3). This provided Jesus with the right opportunity to provide them spiritual insight that would enlighten them and facilitate their preparation for victory.
- 5) Jesus preceded His answer with a timely warning “Take heed that no man deceive you” (vs 4); and ended with an admonition “But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved” (vs 13); implying that our knowledge and application of the scriptures must be purpose driven, otherwise it becomes non-beneficial.
- 6) Knowing the signs of the end (false Christs, wars, famines, pestilences, earthquakes, hatred and betrayal of believers, offences, false prophets, abundance of iniquity, love of many waxing cold, etc. [vs 5-11]) without a heart preparation to make heaven only swells the head in pride but does no good to the heart, spirit and soul.
- 7) The challenge here is determination to endure to the end both in living and preaching of the gospel. in readiness for Christ return.