So You Have Believed Sun Am 8/13/23

Matthew 13:44 NKJV

44“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

*God called us a treasure before He bought the field (the world).*

*Four things will give us His kind of confidence.*

# Hebrews 10:35 NKJV

# 35Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward.

# *Prayer*

# 1 John 3:21-24 NKJV

# 21Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God.

# 22And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight.

# 23And this is His commandment: that we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, as He gave us commandment.

# 24Now he who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.

# *Fellowship with God.*

# 1 John 1:3 NKJV

# 3that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship *is* with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.

# James 2:21-26 NKJV

# 21Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered Isaac his son on the altar?

# 22Do you see that faith was working together with his works, and by works faith was made perfect?

# 23And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, “Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.” And he was called the friend of God.

# 24You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only.

# 25Likewise, was not Rahab the harlot also justified by works when she received the messengers and sent *them* out another way?

# 26For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

# *God called Abraham His friend.*

# Isaiah 41:8 NKJV

# 8“But you, Israel, *are* My servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, The descendants of Abraham My friend.

# 2 Chronicles 20:7 NKJV

# 7*Are* You not our God, *who* drove out the inhabitants of this land before Your people Israel, and gave it to the descendants of Abraham Your friend forever?

# *The Hebrew word friend in these scriptures means to love. Jesus said we could be friends if we did what He commanded.*

# John 15:7-17 NKJV

# 7If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.

# 8By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

# 9“As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love.

# 10If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and abide in His love.

# 11“These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and *that* your joy may be full.

# 12This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

# 13Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one’s life for his friends.

# 14You are My friends if you do whatever I command you.

# 15No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you.

# 16You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.

# 17These things I command you, that you love one another.

# *You can’t be friends with God and the world at the same time.*

# James 4:4 NKJV

# 4Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

# Proverbs 18:24 NKJV

# 24A man *who has* friends must himself be friendly, But there is a friend *who* sticks closer than a brother.

# *Constant meditation on the Word. A visit with Jesus. God and His Word are one.*

# Joshua 1:8-9 NKJV

# 8This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

# 9Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God *is* with you wherever you go.”

# *Praise Constantly*

# *Calling those things that be not as though they were.*

# Romans 4:17 NKJV

# 17(as it is written, “I have made you a father of many nations”) in the presence of Him whom he believed—God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did;

# Psalm 50:23 NKJV

# 23Whoever offers praise glorifies Me; And to him who orders *his* conduct *aright* I will show the salvation of God.”

# *Through praise God will maintain my rights and causes.*

# *Two kinds of unbelief, lack of knowledge or wrong information.*

# *Disobedience: refusing to obey the Word, refusing to act on the Word.*

# Hebrews 4:1-11 NKJV

# 4 Therefore, since a promise remains of entering His rest, let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it.

# 2For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard *it.*

# 3For we who have believed do enter that rest, as He has said: “So I swore in My wrath, ‘They shall not enter My rest,’ ” although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.

# 4For He has spoken in a certain place of the seventh *day* in this way: “And God rested on the seventh day from all His works”;

# 5and again in this *place:* “They shall not enter My rest.”6Since therefore it remains that some *must* enter it, and those to whom it was first preached did not enter because of disobedience,

# 7again He designates a certain day, saying in David, “Today,” after such a long time, as it has been said: “Today, if you will hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts.”

# 8For if Joshua had given them rest, then He would not afterward have spoken of another day.

# 9There remains therefore a rest for the people of God.

# 10For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God *did* from His.

# 11Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience.

# Matthew 7:24-27 NKJV

# 24“Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock:

# 25and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.

# 26“But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand:

# 27and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall.”

# *The house built on obedience/disobedience*.