

The Three Angels' Call To Prayer

DAY 10 — GOD'S PEOPLE, THE REMNANT, AND PRAYER

"Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus." – Revelation 14:12

The End Goal

The three angels' messages have one prime purpose, one singular focus: to prepare a people for the coming of Jesus. These divinely inspired messages come to a climax in Revelation 14:12, when John explains the ultimate result of understanding and accepting Heaven's end-time message. The apostle states that these messages will produce a people of whom it can be written, "Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus" (Revelation 14:12).

The word *patience* might be better translated *endurance*. By His grace, God's people will endure the trials of the last days and come off conquerors. They will face the fury of the beast and not yield their conscientious convictions. Although they are unable to buy or sell and face persecution, imprisonment, and death itself for Christ's sake, they are obedient to His commands. They cannot be coerced to surrender their loyalty to Christ. They live grace-filled, Christ-exalting, obedient lives in the midst of a sinful, rebellious, disobedient world in Earth's final hour.

The Faith of Jesus

There is something else fascinating about Revelation 14:12. These end-time believers not only have faith *in* Jesus, they have the faith *of* Jesus. What is the faith of Jesus? The faith of Jesus is the same quality of faith in God that Jesus had on the cross. When Jesus hung on the cross bearing the guilt, shame, and condemnation of humanity's sins, He felt abandoned by God. The enormity of sin was so great that Jesus felt God-forsaken. This is why He cried out in agony, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" (Matthew 27:46). Had God forsaken Him? Certainly not! His Fatherly eyes were on the cross all the time. His heart of love was broken at the agony His Son was going through. Jesus trusted when He could not see. His faith transcended what was going on around Him. That's why His final words were, "Father, into Your hands I commit My Spirit" (Luke 23:46).

Just before Jesus returns, according to Revelation's prophecies, God's people will once again need to trust when everything around them appears to be against them. What is it that will take them through this trying time? It is the "faith of Jesus." How do we develop this faith of Jesus? First, just as salvation is a gift, faith is also a gift that God places within our hearts that grows as we exercise it (Romans 12:3-8). When we experience difficult circumstances and desperately cling to God's promises, our faith grows. When we saturate our minds with the Word of God, our faith grows (Romans 10:17). When we acknowledge our lack of faith and earnestly pray for God to increase our faith, it grows (Luke 17:5).

In our prayer time today, let us ask God to give us endurance as we face the trials of life. Let us pray that He will give us the strength to be obedient to His will in every area of our lives, and let us petition Heaven to grant us an increase of faith so the "faith of Jesus" fills our lives and prepares us for Earth's final crisis. Then one day we will live with Jesus through all eternity!

Prayer Time (30-45 Minutes)

Praying God's Word – Revelation 14:12

"Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus."

"Here is the Patience of the Saints"

Lord, we have waited for a long time for Your return. We also know that Your timing is never off and that You know what is best for us. Thank You that as the Holy Spirit dwells in us, He will produce patience and endurance in us. Show us how to best use the time we still have to honor You. When we face trials and tribulations, we will take comfort in knowing that You provide strength and divine patience.

"They that Keep the Commandments"

Your will, God, is love. Love for You and love for others. Love as revealed in the Word of God and in the life of Jesus. I rejoice in the fact that You are able and willing to transform our rebellious hearts into hearts that are in tune with the great law of love.

"The Faith of Jesus"

I am amazed, God, by the faith and faithfulness that Jesus showed here on earth, especially while dying on the cross. Inasmuch as His trust in the Father was an example to us, He doesn't leave it there but provides for all who believe the opportunities to develop that same quality of faith. Jesus, please mature our faith, every day a bit more. We surrender to You, our precious, faithful Savior.

More Prayer Suggestions

Thanks and Praise: Give thanks for specific blessings and praise God for His goodness.

Confession: Take a few minutes for private confession and thank God for His forgiveness.

Guidance: Ask God to grant wisdom for current challenges and decisions.

Our Church: Pray for regional and world church needs (see separate sheet with requests).

Local Requests: Pray for current needs of church members, family, and neighbors.

Listen and Respond: Take time to listen for God's voice and respond in praise or song.

Song Suggestions

SDA Hymnal: Let All Things Now Living (#560); The Church Has One Foundation (#348); Amazing Grace (#108); When We All Get to Heaven (#633); Whiter than Snow (#318); In a Little While We're Going Home (#626); Lead On, O King Eternal (#619); To God Be the Glory (#341)