

Don't Give Up

Slide 3&4. [Heb 3:4-15 NKJV] 4 For every house is built by someone, but He who built all things [is] God. 5 And Moses indeed [was] faithful in all His house as a servant, for a testimony of those things which would be spoken [afterward], 6 but Christ as a Son over His own house, whose house we are **if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end.** 7 Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says: "Today, if you will hear His voice, 8 Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, In the day of trial in the wilderness, 9 Where your fathers tested Me, tried Me, And saw My works forty years. 10 Therefore I was angry with that generation, And said, '**They always go astray in [their] heart, And they have not known My ways.**' 11 So I swore in My wrath, 'They shall not enter My rest.' " **12 Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God;** 13 but exhort one another daily, while it is called "Today," lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. 14 For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end, 15 while it is said: "Today, if you will hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion."

Slide 5. Intro

Hold Fast to the end

Guard your heart against unbelief

Satan's Lies lead to unbelief

Learn God's Ways

He has standards

He always upholds his standards

He is patient, kind, loving, just, and caring

He knows everything

He has expectations

Slide 6. Hold Fast to your Hope firm to the end

6 but Christ as a Son over His own house, whose house we are **if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end.**

[Psa 118:8-9 KJV] 8 [It is] better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man. 9 [It is] better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in princes.

[Pro 3:26 KJV] 26 For the LORD shall be thy confidence, and shall keep thy foot from being taken.

[Pro 3:26 NLT] 26 for the LORD is your security. He will keep your foot from being caught in a trap.

[Pro 14:26 KJV] 26 In the fear of the LORD [is] strong confidence: and his children shall have a place of refuge.

Where do we go astray? (In our hearts)

Slide 7. David went astray in his heart. He did not guard his heart.

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10 Therefore I was angry with that generation, And said, 'They always go astray in [their] heart, And they have not known My ways.'

Slide 8. Adrian Rogers said, there are three people sitting in your spot: Who you are, who God wants you to become, and who Satan wants you to become.

[2Sa 11:1-2 KJV] 1 And it came to pass, after the year was expired, at the time when kings go forth [to battle], that David sent Joab, and his servants with him, and all Israel; and they destroyed the children of Ammon, and besieged Rabbah. But David tarried still at Jerusalem. 2 And it came to pass in an eveningtide, that David arose from off his bed, and walked upon the roof of the king's house: and from the roof he saw a woman washing herself; and the woman [was] very beautiful to look upon.

Slide 10. [Pro 4:23 KJV] 23 Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it [are] the issues of life.

[Pro 4:23 NLT] 23 Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life.

[Deu 5:29 KJV] 29 O that there were such an heart in them, that they would fear me, and keep all my commandments always, that it might be well with them, and with their children for ever!

[Pro 3:6 KJV] 6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

Slide 11&12. Four lies Satan used in the garden against the character of God and still uses today. The best lie sounds so much like the truth.

God is not good

[Gen 3:1 KJV] 1 Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? Think negatively about God.

God is not truthful

[Gen 3:1 KJV] 1 Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? (Leads to Doubt becoming skeptical towards God)

God is not righteous

[Gen 3:4 KJV] 4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

God will not punish sin. Not a God of Judgment. Law without penalty is advice.

God is not gracious

[Gen 3:5 KJV] 5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

You need to be liberated. He has not eternal future for you. God wants us to be like God not as God.

Slide 13. Ways of God are firmly rooted in uprightness

God is not haughty or arrogant

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[2Ch 30:9 KJV] 9 For if ye turn again unto the LORD, your brethren and your children [shall find] compassion before them that lead them captive, so that they shall come again into this land: for the LORD your God [is] gracious and merciful, and will not turn away [his] face from you, if ye return unto him.

Slide 14. [Rev 4:3-5 KJV] 3 And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: and [there was] a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald. 4 And round about the throne [were] four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold. 5 And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and [there were] seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.

[Psa 145:17 KJV] 17 The LORD [is] righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works.

[Psa 95:10 KJV] 10 Forty years long was I grieved with [this] generation, and said, It [is] a people that do err in their heart, and they have not known my ways:

[Psa 103:7 KJV] 7 He made known his ways unto Moses, his acts unto the children of Israel.

[Psa 119:15 KJV] 15 I will meditate in thy precepts, and have respect unto thy ways.

Slide 15&16. Elijah lost his focus and Trust. God knows things.

[1Ki 19:10-12, 18 KJV] 10 And he said, I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts: for the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, [even] I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away. 11 And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the LORD. And, behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the LORD; [but] the LORD [was] not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; [but] the LORD [was] not in the earthquake: 12 And after the earthquake a fire; [but] the LORD [was] not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice. ... 18 Yet I have left [me] seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal, and every mouth which hath not kissed him.

Slide 17. God does not lie, cheat or steal,

[Heb 6:17-18 KJV] 17 Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the **immutability of his counsel, confirmed [it] by an oath:** 18 That by two immutable things, in which [it was] impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us:

[Heb 6:17-18 NLT] 17 God also bound himself with an oath, so that those who received the promise could be perfectly sure that he would never change his mind. 18 So God has given both his promise and his oath. These two things are unchangeable because it is impossible for God to lie. Therefore, we who have fled to him for refuge can have great confidence as we hold to the hope that lies before us.

Slide 18. He does the impossible.

[Mar 10:27 KJV] 27 And Jesus looking upon them saith, With men [it is] impossible, but not with God: for with God all things are possible.

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Slide 19. Give God Your Heart and Learn and Observe God's Ways

[Pro 23:26 KJV] 26 My son, give me thine heart, and let thine eyes observe my ways.

[Isa 55:8-9 KJV] 8 For my thoughts [are] not your thoughts, neither [are] your ways my ways, saith the LORD. 9 For [as] the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Slide 20. God's Ways are always Right and Just

[Hos 14:9 KJV] 9 Who [is] wise, and he shall understand these [things]? prudent, and he shall know them? for the ways of the LORD [are] right, and the just shall walk in them: but the transgressors shall fall therein.

Slide 21. Never Forget the Character of God

God has standards and He has shared them with us

He always upholds his standards

He is patient, kind, loving, just, and caring

He knows everything

He has expectations of Us. "If"

Slide 22. Peter Quoted Jesus in his sermon

[Act 2:28 KJV] 28 Thou hast made known to me the ways of life; thou shalt make me full of joy with thy countenance.

Slide 23. Don't Believe the Lies.

[Jhn 8:44 KJV] 44 Ye are of [your] father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

Slide 24. Seek the Truth of God's Ways

[Jhn 14:6 KJV] 6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.