

Standing in Faith

Sunday Morning, July 29, 2012

Introduction and Thesis:

Last Week We Focused On:

Fear God and Stand in the Truth of the Gospel of Christ.

It is the Hope for our children, future generations, America, and the World!

This Week We Continue and Will Focus On:

Don't Live by Circumstances.

Instead, Fear God and Stand in Faith in Christ our God!

Unless We Stand in Faith We Cannot Please God!

I. Fear God and Stand in Faith!

(Numbers 21: 4-9)

4 Then they set out from Mount Hor by way of the Red Sea to bypass the land of Edom, but the people became impatient because of the journey.

5 The people spoke against God and Moses: "Why have you led us up from Egypt to die in the wilderness? There is no bread or water, and we detest this wretched food!"

6 Then the Lord sent poisonous snakes among the people, and they bit them so that many Israelites died.

7 The people then came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you. Intercede with the Lord so that He will take the snakes away from us." And Moses interceded for the people.

8 Then the Lord said to Moses, "Make a snake image and mount it on a pole. When anyone who is bitten looks at it, he will recover."

9 So Moses made a bronze snake and mounted it on a pole. Whenever someone was bitten, and he looked at the bronze snake, he recovered.

II. Standing in Faith is Hoped Shared!

(II Corinthians 4: 8-9)

8 We are pressured in every way but not crushed; we are perplexed but not in despair;

9 we are persecuted but not abandoned; we are struck down but not destroyed.

Why?

(II Corinthians 4: 10-15)

10 We always carry the death of Jesus in our body, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body.

11 For we who live are always given over to death because of Jesus, so that Jesus' life may also be revealed in our mortal flesh.

12 So death works in us, but life in you.

13 And since we have the same spirit of faith in keeping with what is written, I believed, therefore I spoke, we also believe, and therefore speak.

14 We know that the One who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and present us with you.

15 Indeed, everything is for your benefit, so that grace, extended through more and more people, may cause thanksgiving to increase to God's glory.

III. Standing in Faith Conquers and Glorifies God! **(Acts 28: 1-6)**

1 Once ashore, we then learned that the island was called Malta.

2 The local people showed us extraordinary kindness, for they lit a fire and took us all in, since it was raining and cold.

3 As Paul gathered a bundle of brushwood and put it on the fire, a viper came out because of the heat and fastened itself to his hand.

4 When the local people saw the creature hanging from his hand, they said to one another, "This man is probably a murderer, and though he has escaped the sea, Justice does not allow him to live!"

5 However, he shook the creature off into the fire and suffered no harm.

6 They expected that he would swell up or suddenly drop dead. But after they waited a long time and saw nothing unusual happen to him, they changed their minds and said he was a god.

Viper/Snake - Satan Attacks Us

Arm/Hand - Our Tool To Reach Out With the Gospel

Shake Off - Shake Off Satan's Attacks! Be Strong and Faithful!

Fire - Our Passion/Zeal for Christ Burns Up Satan's Attacks

Victory - Faith and Confidence in Our God

Conclusion:

Fearing God and Standing in Faith in Him is a Bold Testimony
That Glorifies God!