

BE COURAGEOUS, AND TRUST IN JEHOVAH

Note to the speaker:

Help audience appreciate that especially in this time of the end, we must show courage and trust implicitly in Jehovah. Through use of Bible examples and Scriptural reasoning, assure them that we can be confident of God's backing as we carry out our assignment to preach the good news

COURAGEOUSLY TRUSTING IN JEHOVAH IS CHARACTERISTIC OF GOD'S PEOPLE (10 min.)

God's Word encourages trust in Jehovah and gives us many examples to imitate (Pr 3:5, 6)

Enoch and Noah lived in ungodly pre-Flood world

Enoch fearlessly proclaimed God's judgments (Jude 14, 15)

Noah faithfully undertook great building project and warned of Flood (2Pe 2:5)

Moses did not fear the king of Egypt (Heb 11:27)

He trusted in Jehovah and courageously declared God's judgments before Pharaoh time and again (Ex 5:1-3; 9:13-17; 10:3)

Both David and Daniel were firm for true worship from youth onward

Jehovah blessed their courageous stand in face of threats and what appeared to be overwhelming odds (1Sa 17:4-11, 41-50; Da 6:6-10, 16-22)

Jesus Christ did not cower before Satan or his agents

He courageously rejected the Devil, denounced the Pharisees, and always honored Jehovah (Mt 4:10; 23:13-15, 33; Mr 10:17, 18; Joh 7:16-18; w03 3/1 11)

JEHOVAH GIVES BASIS FOR US TO TRUST IN HIM IMPLICITLY (15 min.)

His works and his Word provide foundation for confidence in him (De 32:4; Ps 19:1, 2; Joh 17:17)

Help us appreciate that Jehovah is God of love, truth, and order (1Co 14:33; Tit 1:2; 1Jo 4:16, 19)

The ransom and the resurrection of Christ give guarantee that Jehovah cares for His servants and will not forget them (Mt 20:28; 2Co 5:14; Heb 6:9, 10; w03 3/1 15)

God's Word foretold for final days an international brotherhood worshipping at his spiritual temple (Isa 2:2, 3; w02 7/1 15)

Never before have so many engaged in pure worship as true Christians (Isa 60:22; w01 2/15 26-7)

Foretold abundance of spiritual food and good condition of the heart are in stark contrast with world devoid of spirituality (Isa 65:13, 14; Mt 24:45-47)

Our Scriptural reaction to persecution gives further evidence of Jehovah's backing (Mt 5:11, 12; 1Pe 4:13, 14)

FAITH AND COURAGE NEEDED TO COPE WITH WORLD'S ENMITY (12 min.)

Our being objects of hatred foretold by Jesus (Mt 24:9; w03 3/1 8; w83 5/1 12-13)

This is manifestation of enmity toward Seed of heavenly part of Jehovah's organization (Ge 3:15; w96 6/1 12-13)

We are living in period when attacks on Jehovah's sovereignty and his rule through the Messianic Kingdom are fulfilling the prophetic word (Ps 2:1, 2; Re 12:10, 17)

To endure world's hatred, we must keep on courageously trusting in Jehovah

Jesus, whose death is commemorated annually at the Lord's Evening Meal, trusted in God and conquered the world (Joh 16:33)

Paul, although in prison bonds, continued to preach boldly and encouraged others "to speak the word of God fearlessly" (Php 1:13, 14, 27-29)

Like Jesus and Paul, display courage and unshakable trust, not by means of own strength, but by means of power that comes from God (2Co 1:8-10; w03 3/1 11)

Requires complete reliance upon Jehovah's Word, confidence that his spirit is with us, and courage to keep on declaring the Kingdom good news (Ac 20:20-24)

Appreciate that Jehovah's servants are persecuted, not for doing any wrong, but rather for upholding Jehovah's sovereignty and for being genuine Christians, who are no part of world (Ps 83:18; Mt 10:22; 24:9; Joh 15:18-21; w83 5/1 14-16)

NOW IS TIME TO DEMONSTRATE COURAGE AND TRUST IN JEHOVAH (8 min.)

Our warfare is spiritual, not physical (2Co 10:3-5)

True Christians do not harm others; we recognize that vengeance belongs to God, not to man (Ro 12:19)

Hence, we will continue to be a peaceful and submissive people, obedient to human governments wherever we may live (Ro 12:18; Tit 3:1)

As surely as we will put forth every effort to live quiet and peaceful lives, just as surely we will continue to preach the good news about God's Kingdom (Mr 13:10; 1Ti 2:1-4)

Now is the time to prove our faith and to be courageous, not fearing man (Pr 29:25; Lu 12:4, 5)

Let us do our utmost to share in completing the work of giving a worldwide witness (Mt 24:14)

Our prayer is that as a worldwide association of brothers, we will be courageous and trust in Jehovah right down to the end (Heb 10:39)

(Adhere closely to the outlined material, and observe the indicated timing of each section. Not all cited texts need be read or commented on)

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