

**This know also, that in the last days
perilous times shall come. 2 Tim 3:1**





A different way to look at this text

This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

This know also, that perilous times **have** come.

These are the time that try men's souls.

T. Paine

And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked:
(For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed [his]
righteous soul from day to day with [their] unlawful deeds;)

2Pet 2:7-8

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3:2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

3:3 [[Without natural affection,]] trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,

3:4 Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;

3:5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

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The words we just read are hard to read.

Not just the world, but the brethren.

How can we prepare for these trials?

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Amos 8:11

Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD,
that I will send a famine in the land, not a
famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but
of hearing the words of the LORD:

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The image of **Apostles** Defeated

But we trusted that it had been he which should have redeemed Israel: and beside all this, to day is the third day since these things were done.

Then he said unto them, **O fools**, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken:



Luke 24:13-32

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Ways we can be foolish

- Living in fear
- Living a worldly life
- Engage in politics
- Have feelings in the current battle
- Spend our time in entertainment.
- Thinking there is nothing I can do to help the Lord.

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Living in fear

- Was covid scary? **Why?**
- Were you worried for your loved ones? **Why?**
- Were you worried for your own life? **Why?**

And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

Heb 2:15

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Only those who are more than mere
overcomers will be of the Royal
Priesthood.

There is no excuse for our getting into
the Great Company.

Let us keep our hearts with all
diligence. Let us watch our hearts.

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NO EXCUSES!

99% of failures come from people who have
the habit of making excuses.

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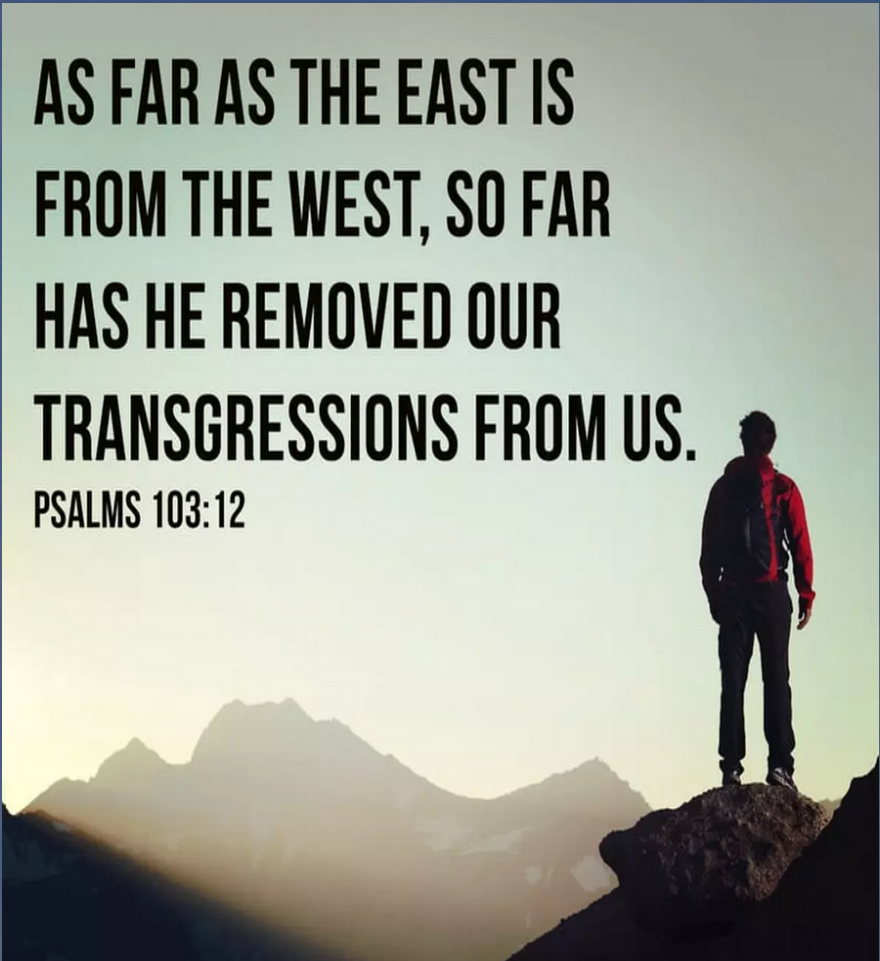
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Application of the Ransom is not an excuse

How precious are such assurances when the soul is painfully conscious of its infirmities, of its utter inability to fully measure up to the perfect law of righteousness! How blessed it is to know that when our hearts are loyal and true, **our God does not mark against us the unavoidable blemishes of our earthen vessel!** If we come daily to Him for cleansing, through the merits of our Redeemer, **our failures are not imputed to us, but freely forgiven and washed away.**

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In these perilous times.

Only one fear allowed, and encouraged

Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it.

Heb 4:1

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But he knoweth the way that I take:

[when] he hath tried me,

I shall come forth as gold.

Job 23:10

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There is no garden but has some weeds. But the most unjust thing we can do is to measure its value by its weeds and not by its fruits. 'By their fruits ye shall know them. ' Moses' few faults are such as will never be noticed at all by a worldly man. They are like a broken limb on a tree loaded with magnificent fruit. All God's works through men are done by imperfect instruments.

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Honesty in all things

We cannot say, therefore, that we are the chief of all sinners. We think that few of the Lord's people could say, I am the chief of sinners--either from the standpoint of committing crime or from that of persecuting the Church. **We are not to bear false witness against ourselves.**

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For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time [are] not worthy [to be compared] with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

Rom 8:18

The pain that you are feeling now cannot compare with the joy that is coming...

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Leaning on the promises Trials with the brethren

...untaught in the lessons of church history, and ignorant of doctrines, readily fall in with the idea of "Union." **They decide, "The fault of the past has been doctrines which caused divisions! Let us now have union and ignore doctrines!"** They fail to appreciate the fact that in the past all Christians were anxious for union, too, just as anxious as people of today, **but they wanted union on the basis of the truth, or else no union at all.** Their rule of conduct was, "Contend earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints"; "Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them." (Jude 3; Eph. 5:11) **Many today fail to see that certain doctrines are all-important to true union among true Christians--a union pleasing to God**

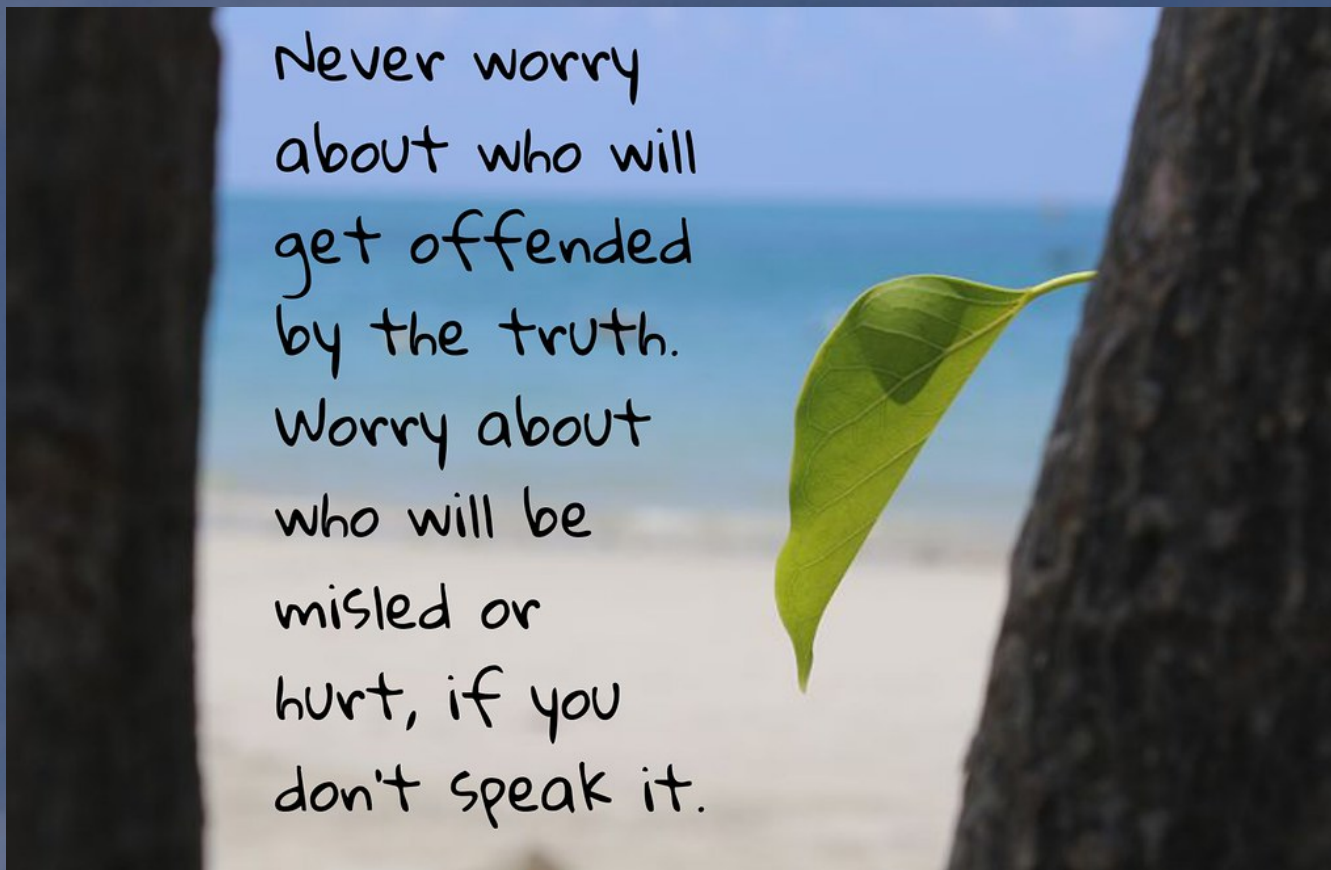
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Rejoicing in hope;

patient in tribulation;

continuing instant in prayer;

Rom 12:12

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Manna - December 9

Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love Him. James 1:12

IF we could but keep in memory the fact that every trial, every persecution, every difficulty of life, permitted to come upon those who have made the covenant of sacrifice with the Lord, is intended to prove them, to test their love, to see whether or not their characters are fixed, rooted and grounded in righteousness, and being built up in love, it would put all these trials, difficulties and temptations in a new light before us, and greatly assist us in fighting a good fight and overcoming. We would say, if by these little trials the Lord is proving my love and devotion to Him, then, however trifling they may be or however important, I will diligently use them as favorable opportunities to demonstrate to my Lord the fullness of my love and devotion to Him and His cause.

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Manna - November 4

He made Himself of **no reputation**, and took upon Him the form of a servant. Philippians 2:7

AS no man is able to serve two masters and satisfy both, and do justice to both, their interests conflicting, no more can we serve God and righteousness, **and at the same time be pleasing and acceptable to the adversary and those who are in harmony with him who now rules in this present dispensation**, the "prince of this world." All of the Lord's consecrated people, those who would lay up treasures in heaven and be rich toward God, **must be willing to become of no reputation amongst those who are not consecrated, and who, whatever their professions, are really serving Mammon, selfishness, and the present life,** and not sacrificing these interests to the attainment of the heavenly Kingdom.

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Manna - March 11

Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us. Hebrews 12:1

YOU that discern the prize of your high calling, and who are endeavoring to press along the line toward the mark, "gird up the loins of your mind";... strengthen and fortify your purposes and efforts; renew your determination; redouble your diligence; cast aside the weights of unnecessary worldly cares; increase your zeal; and, as the Apostle Paul also urges, run with patience the race set before you. Run, not like one who is merely beating the air, but like one who has a purpose in view, and who, in desperate earnest, is determined to make his calling and election sure.

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The Christian who finds himself impatient and restless evidently is lacking in faith toward the Lord; for **otherwise** he would be able to rest in the Lord's gracious promises, and wait for their fulfilment. **After using reasonable diligence and energy he should be content to leave the results and the times and seasons with the Lord.**

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Have I not commanded you?
Be strong and courageous.
Do not be afraid;
do not be discouraged,
for the LORD your God
will be with you
wherever you go.

Joshua 1:9

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Summary

- How much longer?
- Stick to what works.
- We still have time.
- Do what you can, now
- Seal your forehead and your brethren

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