**TWIN ENEMIES AND “THE FUDS” SG**

**Scripture Reading** - **Isa 32:17, Heb 11:6**

Some **serious and sobering** worth pondering and **praying over**.

**“Troublous Times Soon to Come -**The **time of trouble**, which is to **increase until the end, is *very* *near* at hand**. We have **no time** **to lose**. The world is stirred with the ***spirit of war***. The prophecies of the eleventh of Daniel have almost reached their **final** **fulfillment**.” Review & Herald, Nov. 24, 1904.

“**Everywhere** are seen **wrecks of humanity, broken-down family altars, ruined homes**. There is a strange ***abandonment* of *principle***, the standard of ***morality is lowered***, and the earth is **fast becoming a Sodom**…We are ***nearing* *the* *end***, when the earth is to be purified by fire.” Evangelism, 678

“**We are *in* *the* *shaking* *time***, the time when **everything** that can be shaken ***will be shaken***. The Lord will **not excuse** those who ***know* the truth** if they do not in ***word and deed obey His commands***.--6T 332 (1900).

 “The season of **distress and anguish** before us will require a **faith that can endure weariness, delay, and hunger**--***a faith that will not faint***, **though severely tried**. . . The "**time of trouble** such as never was," is **soon** to open upon us; and we shall need an experience which we **do not now possess**, and which many are ***too indolent*** to obtain. **It is often the case that trouble is greater in anticipation than in reality; but this is not true of the crisis before us**. The most **vivid presentation** cannot reach the ***magnitude*** of the ordeal.” The Great Controversy, 621-22, 1911

**Indolent** - having or showing a disposition to **avoid exertion**; slothful, **inactive.**

 “But **many** who are engaged in the ***sacred work*** of God are ***paralyzed by Satan's deceptions***. They are **asleep** on the enchanted ground. Days and months are passing, while they ***remain careless and unconcerned***…But the day is **fast approaching** when the case of **every one** will be decided according to ***his works***. **Many** have a **fearfully spotted record** in the Ledger of Heaven.” 4T, 460

1. Satan has “**twin enemies”** that he will constantly use to create the “**FUDS**” in us and **weaken our faith** and take away our **confidence** in Jesus.
2. These **weapons**, these “**Twin Enemies”**, are **doubt** and **fear** that create the **FUDS** in us.
3. What are the **FUDS?** **Fear, Uncertainty, and Doubts**!
4. God will **never**, I repeat **never**, place doubt in our minds. God wants to give us Peace, Confidence, and Assurance.
5. Having the **FUDS** will not give us the **peace, assurance, and the confidence** that God wishes for us.
6. **Heb 10:22**: “Let us **draw *near*** with a true heart in ***full assurance of faith***, having our hearts sprinkled from an **evil conscience**, and our bodies **washed with pure water**.”
7. Having the **FUDS robs us of the faith** we must have in God to be victorious and to **trust God** to the fullest.
8. The ***faith*** we need is **unwavering** without **doubt or fear**.
9. “But let him **ask in faith**, with ***no*** ***doubting***, for he who **doubts** is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind.” **James 1:6**
10. This kind of faith we **must have** to endure until the **end of time**. And we need it now.
11. **Faith *and* prayer** choose the requests to be **prayed for**, thus determining what **God is to do**.
12. **Faith** deals with ***God’s* *Word*** and lays hold of the **truth**. ***Faith* *believes*** “thus sayeth the Lord.”
13. ”**No man is safe for a day or an hour without prayer**…We should ***study the Bible with humility of heart, never losing sight of our dependence upon God***…We should ***pray in faith continually***: "Lead us not into temptation." GC 530
14. ”So then **faith** comes by **hearing**, and hearing by the ***word of God***.” **Rom 10:17**
15. **Faith rests** **its *whole* *weight* on** **God’s Word**.
16. **Doubt and fear** have **no place** **in *true praying***. They are **weapons** of Satan to ***draw us away*** from God.
17. ***Doubts* and *fears*** **will** ***hinder*** **effective praying**. They are ***lies of the devil***.
18. **Great faith** **and Great prayer** will bring ***spiritual life and success*** in the work of the church.
19. “Above ***everybody and everything*** else, the church and the whole wide world of humanity ***need men of faith and mighty prayer***.” EM Bounds on Prayer, 115
20. **Doubt and fear** should ***never*** be cherished or hidden. Our eyes must be taken ***off ourselves*** and ***fixed on God***.
21. **“It is unsafe to cherish doubt in the heart even for a moment.” 5T, 274**
22. We must cry out as the disciples did in **Luke 17:5**; “And the apostles said unto the Lord, ***Increase our faith***.”
23. **How long** must we pray for **increased faith**? Until ***all* *doubt*** **is gone and** ***trust*** **fills that** **vacancy**. **Until faith becomes** **sight**.
24. **Faith**, at times, is nourished by **painful trials**.
25. “That the ***trial of your faith***, being much **more precious** than of gold that perisheth, though it be **tried with fire**, might be found unto **praise and honour and glory** at the appearing of Jesus Christ:” **1 Peter 1:7**
26. “We shall every one of us be ***tested and tried***. We have a **rough pathway** before us; but **Jesus has traveled this way**, and he knows just how to ***help us***. ***Faith*** **lightens our burdens and *relieves* our weariness** by the anticipation of Heaven at our journey's end. **Faith rejoices in hope, and is patient in affliction**. **Faith waxes strong and valiant in conflict, and conquers in the great fight of temptation**. We **must have a** ***living faith****,*--a faith that will **hold the soul** in the **hour of trial**; for **everything** that **can be shaken will be**.’ Signs of the Times, DT- 05-22-84
27. We need to **transform from** being **unbelieving sinners into praying believing saints** and finish the work God has called us to help Him finish.
28. **True faith** is **one** of the **conditions of our salvation**. “For by grace are ye ***saved through faith***; and that not of yourselves: it is the **gift** of God:” Ephesians 2:8
29. Through the **Spirit of God** Jesus will live **in us** thus giving us the **faith of Jesus**. But we have to **choose** to let Him in.
30. ”At that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and **I in you**.” **John 14:20**
31. By **faith in Jesus** we are saved, because we then have the **faith Of Jesus**. It’s a **day by day** walk and *commitment* to God.
32. ”There is therefore now **no condemnation** to them which are ***in Christ Jesus***, who **walk** not after the flesh, but ***after the Spirit***.” **Rom 8:1**
33. “Christ, only **Christ and His righteousness**, will obtain for us a **passport into heaven**.” Letter 6b, 1890
34. ***Faith and prayer*** can no more be separated than can ***grace and mercy***. Faith **follows** true prayer.
35. ***Faith and trust* must be *married*** as they are the ***foundation*** of prayer.
36. **Jesus taught** that **faith** was the ***condition*** on which ***prayers are answered***.
37. “But ***without faith* it is *impossible* to *please* him**: for he that **cometh to God *must* *believe*** that he is, and that he is a **rewarder** of them that ***diligently* *seek* him**.” **Heb 11:6**
38. “So Jesus answered and said to them, "**Have faith in God**…Therefore I say to you, **whatever** things you ask when you pray, **believe** **that you receive them**, **and you will have them**.” **Mark 11:22-24**
39. . “***Prayer and faith*** will do what ***no power upon earth*** can accomplish. We need not be so ***anxious and troubled***… We must have ***more faith and trust in God***.” MR 8, 218
40. It is not trust in the Word of God but **trust in the *Person of God***. “Let not your heart be troubled: ye ***believe in God, believe also in me***.” **John 14:1**
41. “The ***only defense against evil is the indwelling of Christ*** in the heart through ***faith in His righteousness***. Unless we become **vitally connected** with God, we can **never resist** the unhallowed effects of **self-love, self-indulgence, and temptation to sin**. Desire of Ages, 324
42. **Trust is** **not hope**. Trust looks to the **present** while **hope** looks to the **future**.
43. Our **failures** are the result of **three things**; **lack of *trust*** **in God**, ***weakness* in** **faith**, and **lack of *prayerfulness***.
44. “You **need** to bring your soul into **close communion with God by *earnest prayer*** mixed with ***living faith***. **Every prayer offered *in faith* lifts the suppliant above discouraging doubts and human passions.** **Prayer** **gives strength** to renew the **conflict** with the **powers of darkness**, to ***bear trials patiently***, and to ***endure hardness*** as good soldiers of Christ.” Gospel Workers, 320
45. When people **watched Christ** they ***saw******what faith was and what faith did***. They saw **faith in** **action**.
46. “It is **faith that connects us with heaven**, and brings us **strength** for coping with the **powers of darkness**,.. Look ***not to self, but to Christ***.” Desire of Ages, 429
47. “We need to have far **less confidence** in what man can do and ***far*** ***more* confidence in what God can do** for every believing soul.” Christ’s Object Lessons, 146
48. ***“True faith and true prayer*** -- **how strong they are**! They are **as two arms** by which the human suppliant lays hold upon the power of Infinite Love. ***Faith is trusting in God***,--***believing* *that He loves us, and* knows *what is for our best good***… **Faith *acknowledges* His ownership, and *accepts* its blessings**.” Gospel Workers, 259
49. **Remember the Good News!** **Christ is our Righteousness**, **He is our victory**. But we must **allow** Him to come in through the **indwelling of the Holy Spirit**.
50. **“**The **Holy Spirit seeks** **to *abide*** in each soul. If it is **welcomed** as an honored guest, those who ***receive it will be made complete in Christ*.”** Counsels on Health, 561
51. And how do we **receive the indwelling of the Holy Spirit**? Through ***earnest* *prayer***.
52. **Isa 32:17: “**And the **work of** **righteousness** shall be ***peace***; and the **effect** **of righteousness** ***quietness* and *assurance* *forever*.”**