

SERVANT KING | A LEADER WORTH FOLLOWING
STAY FROSTY: GOD'S SERVANT PROPHECIES (PART I)

Mark 13:1-13

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When the world boils over, real faith doesn't lose its' cool

Four qualities show how real faith endures:

What it Looks Past: A False Sense of Security in Easy Times

#1 **WARINESS** – REAL FAITH REJECTS VAINS PURSUITS OF 'HEAVEN ON EARTH' (1-2)

This world will end | Release your human urge to cling to earthly securities

A sharp clash between two perspectives we can contrast to increase the wariness of our faith:

#1 **Material Sight** - A tendency we can release: '...what wonderful stones and...buildings!...' (1)

#2 **Spiritual Insight** - A mystery we can receive: '...There will not be left here one stone...' (2)

Who it Looks To: A Sure Source of Clarity about the End Times

#2 **RELIANCE** – REAL FAITH GRABS ONTO GOD'S SURE PROMISES ABOUT THE HEAVEN TO COME (3-4)

We want to know all about the world's end, but God knows what we need | Trust what God shares

An honest inquiry with three qualities we can note to strengthen the reliance of our faith:

#1 **How Profound the Context** – A scriptural background we can explore: '...he sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple...' (3a)

#2 **How Precious the Inquirers** – A special blessing we can embrace: '...Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately...' (3b)

#3 **How Pressing the Question** – A practical obsession we may experience: '...“Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when all these things are about to be accomplished?”...' (4)

How it Looks On: A Calm Spirit of Sobriety in Tough Times

#3 **STEADINESS** – REAL FAITH REFUSES TO PANIC AT THE DARK TROUBLES OF 'HELL ON EARTH' (5-8)

The end of 'our' world is not the end of 'the' world | *Prepare for hard times without panic*

Three predictable 'false proofs' we can anticipate to reinforce the steadiness of our faith:

#1 **Imposters** – The spiritual deceptions we can avoid: *'...see that no one leads you astray...'* (5-6)

#2 **Wars** – A global dread we can overcome: *'...when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. This must take place, but the end is not yet...'* (7-8a)

#3 **Disasters** – The environmental dangers we can abide: *'...There will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. These are but the beginning of the birth pains...'* (8b)

What it Looks Like: A Brave Stand of Loyalty to the End of Time

#4 **RESILIENCE** – REAL FAITH TRUSTS IN A FULL PRESERVATION FROM THE HELL TO COME (9-13)

When the world crashes down on us, our faith doesn't have to fall apart | *Stand firm to the end*

Five expectations we can embrace to fortify the resilience of our faith:

#1 A **Command** – A continual readiness to develop: *'...But be on your guard...'* (9a)

#2 A **Challenge** – Institutional threats to face: *'...For they will deliver you over to councils, and you will be beaten in synagogues, and you will stand before governors and kings for my sake...'* (9b)

#3 A **Calling** – A missional role to claim: *'...to bear witness before them. and the gospel must first be proclaimed to all nations...'* (9c-10)

#4 A **Comfort** – A spiritual resource to trust: *'...do not be anxious beforehand what you are to say, but say whatever is given you in that hour, for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit...'* (11)

#5 A **Contempt** – A total rejection to brave: *'...brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death. And you will be hated by all for my name's sake...'* (12-13a)

#6 A **Commitment** – A final rescue to await: *'...the one who endures to the end will be saved...'* (13b)