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Sermon – The Patience of the Saints

Scripture – Rev 13 & Daniel 7

Main Message – Christians will be tested and patience under duress will be needed.

I think most of us can appreciate how we can just get wore down. Things are just so complicated and difficult and it doesn't look like its going to end anytime soon. The dream of going back to a "normal" that honors God and His Kingdom and even the basic freedoms we have enjoyed are over. When those in power horde authority they do not want to give it up. The spiritual wickedness in high places is calling a lot of shots and they aren't hiding it anymore. It can be exhausting, physically, emotionally, and of course spiritually.

It is written in God's Word. **Read Daniel 7:23-25**

I think we can see that in this new world in which we live that the concept of becoming worn out is realistic. You can hide for a bit, but coming to a cause near you is an impact that will hit home. (Example, Red Creek Schools)

Read Revelation 13:4-10

Daniel's visions along with John's writings in the Book of Revelation paint a bleak picture. We know who wins, but the saints will face incredible pressure over this 42-month period. Daniel called it Time, times and the dividing of time.

How might they wear down the saints. Prevent worship of the real Jesus Christ, but instead worship the antichrist. Deception, just as we see today will become even more prevalent at this time.

Read Revelation 13:11-18

Well, let me give you a clue about this 666 number. Few, even non-Christians would line up to get a tattoo of this on them so lets move past such stuff that can only work in movies. It will be more subtle than that and honestly I think it will have to do more with the ability to access money. No toll booth workers anymore. Its all digital now when you go down the thruway. Paper money is on its way out. It will seem legitimate and practical. It will make some amount of common sense to most. Be Careful because I don't know exactly how this will play out but I will be praying for wisdom on every opportunity as things change.

Read Rev 14:9-13

Nobody wants to die, but I read that the saints (aka Christians) are laboring and are keeping the commandments of God and their faith in Jesus. It appears that some of us may see this time transpire in our lifetime. It is certain that our Children will.

This is a follow-on message to last week. We can see how our own families may play a role in this situation that is fast approaching. But this isn't a Bible study, but a sermon. I am reminding you how important it is to keep the faith and that the test will be severe. There are many other details that God has given us about this period of time and the subtlety of how it will present itself.

Christians will face it, but God is Holy, and Just and when you read verses around this in both Daniel and Revelation you can see that the saints will come out on top.

Read Daniel 7:26-28

I didn't want to leave you with only the bad side, but also the good side. Knowing this is how you can hold onto the patience of the Saints.