

**FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT OF FAITH
LAY HOLD ON ETERNAL LIFE
(I Tim. 6:12; II Tim. 4:7; Ephesians 6: 10-18)**

Fight the good fight of faith to preserve it, for it is the door to eternal life in heaven. Fight the good fight, not looking back, for the one who looks back is not fit for the kingdom; fight the good fight of faith looking forward to the author of faith, YAHSHUA, Who left the example of faith in His sufferings, enduring from sinner's grievous opposition, so that we would not lose heart and suffer emotional exhaustion in our struggles. Because of this, "straighten the hands" hanging alongside, "and the enfeebled knees; "and make straight tracks for your feet," that the member which is lame may not suffer, but rather be healed. Eagerly pursue peace and holiness with all, without which no one will see YAHWEH (Hebrews 12: 3,12-14).

The mind, the battlefield of the spiritual warfare, must be renewed every day and protected with the shield of faith to quench all the flammable arrows coming from the enemy. "Do not be conformed to this world, but be **transformed** by the **renewal** of your mind, so that you may prove what is good and acceptable and perfect will of YAHWEH" (Rom. 12:2). It is not in the conforming, but in the transforming of the mind that we fight the good fight of faith. In this battlefield, the complete armor of YAHWEH is necessary to fight against the forces of wickedness, the rulers of darkness, for our battle is not with blood and flesh; only this way the believer will resist and be able to stand his ground against the devil and his forces.

As we run the race, faith is the water that hydrates, restores and strengthens our soul to fight the good fight and accomplish the will of YAHWEH in calmness of soul, accepting suffering and hardship, fully and faithfully performing the duties for which we were called. Entering the battlefield with faith, we defeat Satan and his strategy, for faith is the substance that feeds our soul and the "victory that overcomes the world". To fight the good fight of faith that Paul mentioned, we must consider it in every experience that comes our way to act in agreement with the Word of YAHWEH through every behavior, action and words that come from our mouth; forgiving those who offended us by loving them beyond the pain they caused us; persevering without falling into temptation, always submitting our soul to the perfect will of YAHWEH, with contentment, believing that He is sovereign in everything that happens to us; believing also that He is the rewarder of those who apply faith to their sufferings in their trials.

Our struggles are not with flesh and blood (Ephesians 6: 12). When we fight our spiritual wars in the flesh, we struggle and stay frustrated because we are devoid of the power of the armor of YAHWEH. We lose every time we do not use the proper armor. Fight the good fight of faith with the armor of YAHWEH on all the time, is a command for every believer, for him to be able to recognize the deceits and strategies of the enemy and to stand against him secured in place, never losing strength even in persecution, never losing faith in his trials. Fight the good fight of faith is to have the mind protected and shielded with faith against surprises from family, friends. But when we harbor bad feelings toward others, when we worry about things, when we lose hope and doubt the promises of YAHWEH in our trials, we are not fighting the good fight, but we are alienating ourselves with the enemies of YAHWEH.

As foreigners, passing through this earth to our heavenly home bound, we mustn't lose focus of whose we are and where we are going, no matter how long the journey in this Egypt; we must always fight the good fight of faith by disengaging self from the love of Egypt and of the things it offers; by girding ourselves with truth, redeeming the time as if it were urgent and short, to fulfill YAHWEH'S calling, always focusing in YAHSHUA, the author of our faith. In confidence and in trust, the Word says we will be established in the faith; we will be overcomers and not victims of circumstances; and at the end of the finishing line we will say, I finished the race persevering in faith, holding to the promise of eternal salvation; I fought the good fight of faith; now I look forward to my reward- the crown of righteousness which is waiting for me, promised by my Lord and Savior.

What will be your confidence at the end of your journey, that you have fought a good fight of faith? May it be so!

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