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FAITHFUL TO GOD'S CALLING

In our last article, we pointed out that even when the people around them are receiving divine discipline, there is hope for those who are serving Him and are faithful to His calling. ¹⁰*Tell the righteous it will be well with them, for they will enjoy the fruit of their deeds.* ¹¹*Woe to the wicked! Disaster is upon them! They will be paid back for what their hands have done.*” *Isaiah 3:10-11 New International Version*

What does the Lord require a person to be doing in order to be the receiver of that promise? If we are going to build a life that is pleasing to God, we must begin by building that life upon the right foundation. ¹¹*For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.* ¹²*If any man builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw,* ¹³*his work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each man's work.* ¹⁴*If what he has built survives, he will receive his reward.* ¹⁵*If it is burned up, he will suffer loss; he himself will be saved, but only as one escaping through the flames.”* *1st Corinthians 3:11-15 NIV*

Please note what the Lord said in that passage. The foundation of a life that is pleasing to God is redemption through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. The sacrifice of Jesus Christ is offered to all people but not all people take advantage of the offer (*Revelation 20:11-15*). All God requires in order to receive that foundation is to ask that the sacrifice of Jesus Christ pay the sin debt we owe. ²²*This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference,* ²³*for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,* ²⁴*and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.”* *Romans 3:22-24 NIV*