MESSAGE: LIVING BY FORTIFICATION IN A TROUBLED WORLD Pastor Larry Doggett 4-21-13am Page 1 of 1

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<u>Launching Text:</u> <u>John 16:33</u> These things (My Words) I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

1-Peter 5:8-9 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walking about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

1-Cor 10:13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

Mark 11:22-24 ... Have faith in God. For I (Jesus) say unto you that whosoever shall say unto this mountain, be thou removed and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. Therefore I say unto you, what things so ever you desire, when you pray (or confess), believe that you shall receive them and you shall have them.

<u>Preaching Text:</u> Daniel 11:32 And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he corrupt by flatteries: but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits.

<u>INTRO:</u> We live in a troubled world but God does not want that troubling the believer. The devil will make sure your life is plagued by all kinds of trouble, but God has power for the believer. Power to stop the devil and power to overcome and this message will deal with that power so the believer's life is fortified to overcome.

1. THE REALIZATION OF THE FORTIFICATION IN THE LIFE OF A BELIEVER

1. The Realization Of The Fortification Comes Because Of The Lord's Presence

Heb 13:5 ...for He (Christ) said, I will never leave thee nor forsake thee.

John 14:21 He that hath my commandments, and keeps them, he it is that loves me: and he that loves me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

John 14:23 Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

2. The Realization Of The Fortification Comes Because Of The Lord's Purpose

Phil 2:13 For it is God which works in you (the believer) both to will and to do His good pleasure.

Romans 12:21 Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

1-Peter 2:21 For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ve should follow his steps:

Luke 19:10 For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

John 5:30 (Jesus said) I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.

2-Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

3. The Realization Of The Fortification Comes Because Of The Lord's Provision

Psalms 62:11 God hath spoken once; twice have I heard this; that power belongs unto God.

Philippians 4:19 But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

2. THE RECEPTION OF THE FORTIFICATION IN THE LIFE OF A BELIEVER

Acts 1:8 But you shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you.....

1. Craving for Christ John 7:37Jesus stood and cried saying, If any (man) thirst, let him come to me Ps 34:8 O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in Him.

2. Coming to Christ John 7:37 ...let him come to me

Isa 1:18 Come now and let us reason together saith the Lord, though you sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow, though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

3. Changing by Christ John 7:37let him come to me and drink (Greek= pee'o = to become one with)

2-Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

John 17:20-21 (Jesus said) Neither pray I for these alone; but for them also which shall believe on me through their word (the words of Christ from His disciples), That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us; that the world may believe that thou hast sent

4. Claiming from Christ John 7:38 He that believeth on me....

Luke 11:13 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

John 5:24 Verily, verily, I (Jesus) say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on Him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death to life.

John 6:35 And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.

5. Consequence Through Christ

John 7:38as the Scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

John 7:39 But this spake He (Jesus) of the Spirit, which they that believe on Him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified. But now He is!

3. THE RELEASE OF THE FORTIFICATION IN THE LIFE OF A BELIEVER

Rev 1:6 And (Christ) has made us (the believer) kings (to reign) and priests (to conduct ministry that everything in the spiritual world and the secular world is blessed & kept right) unto God and His Father; to Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

1-Corinthians 14:39 Wherefore, brethren, covet to prophesy, and forbid not to speak with tongues.

1. The Release For Fortification Is Authorized By Christ

Matthew 16:19 And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

2. The Release For Fortification Is Accessed With Faith

Mark 11:22Have faith in God.

Romans 5:2 (It is because of Christ) By whom we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand and rejoice in hope of the hope of the glory of God.

2-Corinthians 4:13 We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak;

3. The Release For Fortification is Activated Through Our Lips

Proverbs 18:21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.

Mark 11:22-24...Have faith in God. For verily I (Jesus) say unto you, that whosoever shall say unto this mountain (that stands in your way) be thou removed and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe those things which he says shall come to pass, he shall have whatsoever he says. Therefore I say unto you, what things so ever you desire, when you pray, (speak, prophesy, confess or declare) believe that you receive them & you shall have them.

4. THE RESULTS OF THE FORTIFICATION IN THE LIFE OF A BELIEVER

1. The Results Of The Fortification Is: It Plunders Our Enemy

Revelation 12:11 And they overcame him (the devil) by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

Proverbs 6:31 But if he (the thief) be found, he shall restore sevenfold; he shall give all the substance of his house.

2. The Result Of The Fortification Is: It Profits With Pleasures.

Psalms 16:11 Thou (O, Lord) will show us the path of life: in thy presence is fullness of joy; at thy right hand are pleasures for ever more (with any Godly thing that you can ask for or think of, it's yours).

Joshua 1:3 Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you......

Joshua 1:8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shall meditate therein day and night, that thou may observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shall make thy way prosperous, and then thou shall have good success.

3. The Results Of The Fortification Is: It Promotes Great Peace

Psalms 119:165 Great peace have they which love thy law (enough to obey it): & nothing shall offend them. Psalms 29:11 The LORD will give strength unto his people; the LORD will bless his people with peace.

John 14:27 Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world gives, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.