

*"Let us **hold fast** the profession of our faith without wavering; (for He is faithful that promised ;) "* **Hebrews 10:23** KJV



The word, "fast," in this passage means to be "firmly fixed" or "close by." Among the origins of the English word "fast" is a Sanskrit word "pastyam" or "dwelling place." The Greek word, *katecho*, (kat-ekh'-o) from which it was translated, means to possess, retain, seize on, stay (fix), or take. Is your professed faith in God lip service or do you sincerely believe? Obedience is the evidence of faith. *"And hereby we do know that we know Him, if we keep His Commandments. He that saith, 'I know Him,' and keepeth not His Commandments, is a liar, and the Truth is not in him. If we walk in the Light (obey God's Word), as He is in the Light, we have fellowship one with another, and the Blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin."* Continuously reflect on what God has provided you. Begin with the air you breathe and the clothes on your back. When did you last miss a meal because of want? *"Let your conversation (behavior) be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have...so that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me."* What do you really need to possess beyond food and clothing? Father has promised to supply all my need, and the less possessions I accumulate the more I can witness His faithfulness. If I have no provision stored for tomorrow, and tomorrow's needs are provided, and the next day, and the next, and the next, I will truly trust Father's Word in everything. It's ludicrous to trust God for eternal life and not trust Him for the temporal. No matter what you say, you trust Him for both or you trust Him for neither! The same Word that saves, keeps. Can you honestly say, *"I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day?"* The "still small Voice" whispers right choices throughout each day through God's Word in your thoughts. Meditate, think, in God's Word constantly, and you will recognize His Voice, for He will only speak Truth. *"God is a Spirit. The Spirit of Truth...will guide you into all Truth: for He...will show you things to come."* The "Spirit of Truth" is none other than God, Himself. *"They that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in Truth."* Those who trust will hear and follow His Voice. *"Jesus saith unto him, I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life: My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow (obey) me."* Deeds are first thoughts: What we think is what we do. God says, *"As he thinketh in his heart, so is he."* Watch, and deeds will reveal thinking. *"Ye shall know them by their fruits (deeds). Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit."*

Faithful hold the Truth in whole,
It will protect your very soul,
Its walls protect those in its fold,
From evil's Life destroying hold. ~CGP

Do you hear and obey God? If you hear, but do not follow, the Voice of Truth will soon be out of "hearing" range. Obeying Truth benefits the obedient. Provision is always present for the obedient. The fold does not protect sheep outside it. Castle walls do not keep in, they keep out. God's Word is our Castle!

"Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him (God's Word in your thoughts), and He shall direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil. It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones. Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase: So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine." Proverbs 3:5-10 KJV