

*"Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompense of reward. For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise. For yet a little while, and He that shall come will come, and will not tarry."* **Hebrews 10:35-37 KJV**

*"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."* To put it another way; obedience is the “evidence” of faith. Wood is the substance of trees, air is the substance of the atmosphere, and faith is the “substance” of the believer’s sure “Hope.” Heaven is but a heartbeat away for every believer; be they faint or stalwart. All that is required is faith. Simply trusting and obeying God, even if your eyes are squeezed tight shut and your hands cover your head. Just clinging to His Word in spite of everything to the contrary; trusting Him to do as He promised even when it seems undeniably impossible. Not heeding the cacophony of satanic doubt that plagues every waking moment, but standing stedfast on God’s Word alone; knowing that “*with men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.*” Our confidence is not in the faulty physical realm, but in the spiritual certainty guaranteed by the immutable infinite Power that spawned all of creation and the unseen universe of celestial beauty. It awaits even the trembling faithful soul who endures the torments of evil “*in Hope of Eternal Life, which God, that cannot lie, promised BEFORE THE WORLD BEGAN.*” We can claw and grasp with the rest of the writhing mass of humanity, to draw one more carnal breath, or we can relax into the “*Everlasting Arms*” of our eternal Father. We can with confidence commend our spirit to the God who fashioned it and trust that He will clothe upon it with incorruptible immortality. We can welcome death as the portal to paradise promised. We need not fear death, for we will only see its shadow. “*Yea, though I walk through the valley of the Shadow of Death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me.*” The “*Shadow of Death*” is the carnal body which believers inhabit until it dies or the Lord returns. “*We shall not all sleep (die physically), but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last Trump. For the Lord Himself shall descend from Heaven with a Shout, with the voice of the Archangel, and with the Trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.*” Earthly life is the closest believers will ever be to death itself, and we know that shadows never hurt anyone! We know that God “*discovereth deep things out of darkness, and bringeth out to light the shadow of death (will change mortal to immortal).*” If death has no power over us, it holds no terror, so what is there to frighten? All that remains is the perfect, unbreakable, Love of God! “*There is no fear in Love; but perfect Love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in Love. We love Him, because He first loved us.*” Trust the care and love of your heavenly Father and even in death He will sustain and comfort you. Your reward can never be lost nor stolen for it is kept by Almighty God!

I'm trusting Truth with confidence,  
It gives me share in providence,  
My life will fill with sustenance,  
And I'll receive great recompense. ~CGP



If you doubt the power of God, walk outside on a dark night and ponder the galaxies and stars the night sky reveals against the vast darkness of space and remember Who first said, “*LET THERE BE LIGHT!*” God has named every star in the universe! “*He telleth (counts/knows) the number of the stars; He calleth them all by*

*their names. Great is our Lord, and of great Power: His Understanding is infinite.*" Edward Mote wrote in a hymn, "My hope is built on nothing less, than Jesus' Blood and righteousness: On Christ, the Solid Rock, I stand: All other ground is sinking sand!" What is YOUR hope built on? Human intellect and reason or God's immutability? The believer's reward is an eternity of God and His pleasures!

*"That by TWO IMMUTABLE (unchangeable) THINGS (God and His Word), in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the Hope set before us: Which Hope we have as an Anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil (the Presence of God); Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an High Priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec."* Hebrews 6:18-20 KJV

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