But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved. (Quality: Very good)

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[0:00] As the Lord should be pleased to help me, I shall call your attention to a subject you will find in the Gospel of Mark, chapter 13, in the second half of the thirteenth verse.

But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved. Chapter 13, the Gospel of Mark, and the second half of the thirteenth verse.

This is a word which, when it is viewed aright, is very solemn to contemplate and search in to all sinners who have the mercy to be born again.

And as you journey on through life, nearing the end of it, being in its evening time, it seems even more weighty to weigh up before God.

And the hymn writer's petition is very apposite. Lord, hast thou made me know thy ways?

[1:38] Conduct me in thy fear, and grant me such supplies of grace that I may persevere. This word dropped from the lips of the dear Saviour.

And I desire, as grace is given, to bring it before you from three viewpoints of it.

First of all, there is the character to whom the word is addressed. First of all, there is the character to whom the word is addressed. First of all, there is the character to whom the word is addressed.

And then, in the word, there is also the caution. It is indeed a caution. He that shall endure unto the end.

And then, there is the consolation. If that mercy is afforded us, the same shall be saved.

[2:47] And now, it will be well if you and I help to ponder this great truth in our hearts. Ponder it prayerfully.

He that shall endure unto the end. The same shall be saved.

Some of you have had many questions about enduring. But then, the question of enduring will not arise. Unless you have had a right start.

Unless you have the mercy to be the character referred to. A sinner born again. One who is a disciple. One who is a learner.

One who desires to follow on. To know the Lord. And to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

[3:54] Everything in our profession of the name of Jesus hinges on a right start. And now, what is a right start?

If you started yourself upon it, then it is not a right start. He which hath begun the good work in you.

The Apostle Paul wrote to the godly Philippians. He which hath begun the good work in you. Who is he? He who is the author of the word of God.

The Holy Spirit. Blessed be his name. He alone can deal with poor sinners. And give them a right start.

In following on to know the Lord. And you may have searchings of heart. As you go back. To when you.

[5:01] Began to. Take an interest in the things of God. And dig deep. That you may have sure work. That your religion.

Your profession of the name of Jesus. Jesus. Is built upon a sure foundation. Oh you want above all things to be sure. God is the author of it.

He which hath begun the good work in you. He will finish it. And now the great thing is.

And a great thing it will be to you. In your sighs and cries before God. Your attempts to draw near to God.

The great thing is. To have something from God. To assure you. That that good work. Is indeed. Begun.

[6:01] To assure my conscience of her part. In the Redeemer's blood. And bear the witness with my heart. That I am born of God. And now many of you.

Have got good evidence. Well grounded evidence. And that which God has wrought. In your soul's experience. That the good work.

Is indeed begun. In you. And from that time. When you hope it was begun. You have been asking the way to Zion.

With your faces thitherward. You have been desiring. To be after the spirit. The things of the spirit.

You have been. Living as it were. Like the hymn writer. So well defines it. It is a beautiful. The soul. Setting forth of it.

[7:00] All through the wilderness below. Good hope expects. More good to know. And thus is kept. Alive. The soul.

Yes. He that shall. Endure. Unto the end. And now in the chapter. Where this subject is found.

There is a very. Dark background indeed. Some of it relating. To the. Years immediately. Following. When Jesus Christ.

Dwelt on earth. As Emmanuel. God with us. But. Some of it. Relates to the days. In which.

You and I. Are living. Did you observe. One word. For in those days. Shall be affliction.

[7:57] Such as was not. From the beginning. Of the creation. Which God created. Unto this time. Neither shall be.

And now. When Jerusalem fell. And when. All the trees. Of the wood. From miles around.

Were used. To make crosses. To crucify the Jews. Thereon. Because. They stood before. Calvary's cross. And said. Is blood beyond us.

And our children. And God. Has made them. To realize. The fulfilling. Of that dread word. Which they proclaimed.

Against that dear. Man. On Calvary's cross. Verily God. Verily man. And now.

[8:52] That was a great tribulation. But then. In the history of the world. Since then. There have been. Other tribulations.

Equally great. And many of you. Have lived to. Have lived. Through. Two world wars. And those tribulations.

Were very great. But. According to what. The word of God says. Ere time shall cease to be. There is yet. Greater tribulation.

To befall. To befall this world. Which lieth in. Wickedness. And it will be a. Very. Solemn.

Testing time. For all. Who profess. The name of Jesus. And it will sift out. That which is chaff.

[9:46] And that which is. Wheat. And you and I. Desire. Lord of harvest. Grant that we. Pure. And wholesome grain.

May be. Yes. We are coming into those. Days. Dear friends. In all the wickedness. And woe. Which is abounding.

In the world. At the present time. And the chaos. And confusion. That is to be observed. In the professing. Church. Of Christ.

Oh that you and I. May be. As the salt of the earth. To preserve it. From the pouring out. Of the judgments of God.

In a yet greater. Fulness. You and I desire. To be found the character. In the text.

[10:42] Context. And what does it say. In the context. Ye shall be hated. Of all men. For my name. Save. And now there.

Is a very solemn. Testing. Marvel not. If the world. Hate you. But know this. It hated me.

Before it. Hated. You. He that shall. Endure. Unto the end. And now remember.

That is the character. One in whom. The Holy Spirit. Has begun. The good work. And blessed. Be his name.

He is guaranteed. To carry it on. But when you think. About this word. Endure. And prayerfully.

[11:39] Consider it. Oh. Sometimes. You can hardly. Tell what you are. Of where you are. Regarding.

This question. Of. Enduring. I think. Sometimes. Of a word. Of the psalmist. When I said. My foot slippeth. Then thy mercy.

Oh Lord. Held me up. And another word. Of Jeremiah. So often. So often. Quoted. Eh. But you will go. Deeper down. Into it.

As you journey on. Following on. To know the Lord. It is of the Lord's mercy. That we are not. Consumed. And because. His compassions.

Fail. Not. This question. Of enduring. The apostle Paul. Gives you some hints. About it. As to what.

[12:35] The characteristics. Of it. May be. In your soul's. Experience. As dying. And behold. We live.

Faint. Yet. Pursuing. And like. Joseph Hart says. Ever sinking. Yet to swim.

And in all that. There is this. Question. Of enduring. Being fulfilled. And how God. Is leading you on.

But. Having just. Outlined the character. I will look at this caution. And show you. As the Lord shall help me.

What this. Question of enduring. Involves. In our soul's. Experience. And now.

[13:36] Every sinner. Taught of God. In journeying on. Through life. Will endure. An increasing. Opening up. Of what he is.

By nature. An intensifying. Of conviction. Of conviction. Of sin. I emphasize that. In my ministry.

Because. A conviction. Of sin. That is of God. Will last. As long. As you live. It will not. Die out. Like a natural.

Conviction. Dies. A natural. Death. When they. Who are the subject. Of it. Just become. Religious. And are chapel.

Goers. Or church. Goers. As the case. May be. And they settle down. In that. But it is not. That. Which God. Is the author. Of.

[14:33] No. No. That which is born. Of the flesh. Is flesh. And that which is born. Of the spirit. Is spirit. It.

And now you find. As you are led. Into the truth. That you learn. How sad our state. By nature is. And how glad you are.

When you look. Sometimes. In the sacred pages. And see. Just what you feel. To be the subject. Of. Is set forth. In better words. Than you can find.

To describe it. Before God. Like Isaiah. When he says. From the soul of the foot. Even to the head. There is no soundness.

In it. Wounds. And bruises. Putrefying. Sores. And like Job. Behold. I am. Vile. And like the apostle Paul.

[15:26] O wretched man. That I am. Who shall deliver me. From the. Body. Of. This. Death. When he.

The spirit of truth. Is come. He shall convince. The world of sin. And that goes on. And why. The Holy Ghost.

Will make the soul. Feel it. Sad condition. For the sick. And not the whole. Need. The good. Physician. And now.

This. Going deeper down. Into your. Sinnership. The knowledge of it. Is what you are called upon. To. Endure. Not only so.

You find in the word of God. That the life of the righteous. In the illustrations. Which the Holy Spirit. Is pleased to use.

[16:31] Always. Make it plain. That it is a question. Of enduring. Life is lightened. To a race.

So run. That ye may. Obtain. Life is lightened. To a fight. But then. It means.

There must be. Blow. For blow. Yes. You must not allow. Your opponent. The world.

Or the flesh. Or the devil. To get in blows. Without you. Fighting back. Fight. The good fight. Of faith. Lay hold upon. Eternal.

Life. Yes. And then. The life of the righteous. Is said to be. A wrestling.

[17:28] We wrestle not. Against flesh. And blood. But against. Principalities. And powers. Against spiritual wickedness. In high places.

So that. These people. Taught of God. Disciples indeed. Are often in heaviness. Through manifold. Temptations.

And. They do need. Divine aid. To endure. And often. They have to. Sigh. And cry. Oh Lord. I am oppressed.

Undertake. For me. Say unto my soul. I am thy. Salvation. And remember. If the devil.

Leaves your religion. Alone. Then you have got. No evidence. Whatever. That God. Is the author of it. Do remember that.

[18:27] What though. Satan's. Strong temptations. Vex and. Tease you. Day by day. And thy sinful. Inclinations. Often fill you. With dismay.

Thou shalt conquer. Through the. Lamb's. Redeeming. Blood. But he. That shall endure. Unto the end. And now.

As you journey. On through life. There is this word. Which is made. Very plain. To heaven bound pilgrims. We must.

Through much. Tribulation. Enter. Into. The kingdom. Of God. And now. That tribulation. May not always be.

Afflictions. Laid on you. And it may not always be. Adversities. That befall you. No.

[19:23] It may be. The. The carc and cares. Of everyday life. Anxieties. That well up. In your breast. How shall we do.

In this matter. And. In that. And there is this. Question. Of enduring. Too. The trivial round.

The common task. Will furnish. All we need. To ask. Room. To deny. Ourselves. A road. That leads us. Daily. To our God.

You go back. Over life's journey. Since you hope. You were born again. And think. How you have journeyed on. And when trouble.

Like a gloomy cloud. Has gathered thick. And thundered loud. And. As these things. Have seemed. Imminent. In coming upon you.

[20:22] You have had many. Ifs and buts. And hows. Shall I endure. You have felt. Like Jacob. All these things.

Are against me. And you have. Had. Fears. That you would. Sink. In this trouble. And that. And rise. No more.

Eh. May. But. As you look back. Over the way. You have come along. What do you see. By the grace of God.

You are what you are. And where you are. You may not be able. To put it all into words. As to how God brought it about. In his dealings.

With you. But the fact. Cannot be undone. By earth or hell. That if you are here. At this evening hour. Before God.

[21:19] In the attitude. Of worship. Desiring to win Christ. And be found in him. And as I said. After the spirit.

The things of the spirit. Oh that is enduring. When all is said and done.

To endure. Is not to give up. And go back. Like those disciples did. Of whom. The saviour tells. In the gospel of John.

When the saviour proclaimed. The truth. In its wondrous faithfulness. It is the spirit. That quickeneth. The flesh profiteth nothing.

Then some so called. Disciples said. This is a hard saying. Who can hear it. And they could not endure it. Would not brook it. And from that.

[22:16] Many of his disciples. Went back. And walked no more with him. And yet here are you. Still following on.

To know the Lord. By divine aid afforded. You have been helped. With a little help.

And. You still have got that feeling. One thing. Have I desired of the Lord. That will I seek after.

That I may dwell in the house of the Lord. All the days of my life. To behold the beauty. Of the Lord. And to inquire. In his temple.

Yes. But he that shall endure. Unto the end. And now the saviour. Said. In the word of his grace.

[23:14] The apostle Paul was inspired to record it. As good counsel to young Timothy. Thou therefore my son. Endure hardness. As a good soldier.

Of Jesus Christ. And now in warfare. There must always be. Hardness. There is much to endure.

In warfare. It is one thing to be on the. On the parade ground. Doing the drill. And your uniform. Or speak and span.

And. All looks well as a picture. But the question of enduring. Comes on the battlefield. Yes. And then.

You need. To reduce. To practice. What you have learned. On the parade ground. And to fight. That the enemy.

[24:15] May be undone. And overcome. And in a. Profession of the name of Jesus. There is hardness. What does Joseph Hart say.

From sinner. And from saint. We meet with many a blow. I know. It may make the dear young people. Ponder in their hearts.

How it should be. That there should ever be blows. From saints. But sometimes. It does fall out. And then.

It is a question of enduring. And behaving aright. Think of the apostle Paul. And Barnabas. The contention.

Was so great. Between them. That they separated. And one went this way. And the other went that. And they did double the work. They would have done.

[25:13] Had they gone together. Preaching the gospel. As they purposed that first. So the devil was defeated. And God overruled it all.

But the fact remained. It was. A stumbling block. To those who had their names. On church rolls. That the contention was sharp.

Between them. And now. The question of enduring there. Comes. As you read.

In the prayer. The Lord taught his disciples. You have got. To endure the blows. And then remember. Forgive us our trespasses.

As we forgive them. The trespass. Against us. It is a test. And sometimes.

[26:10] It may be quite a while. Before people. Who were called upon. To endure it. Come out on the right side of it. For they may. Hold long.

And unforgiving spirit. And resent. How they have been treated. But. The word of the Lord. Is sure. If ye forgive.

Not men. Their trespasses. Neither will your heavenly father. Forgive your trespasses. And so. There comes a time. When you. Desire.

To endure. The test. You have been put. To. And to behave. A right. In it. And remember. The Lord. Turned the captivity.

Of Joe. When he prayed. For his friends. And if any man. Have not. The spirit of Christ. He is none of his. No. Much might be said.

[27:10] Under this viewpoint. Of the subject. He that shall. Endure. You may. Be called upon. To endure. Darkness.

Of mind. It may seem. Very strange. To you. When it comes. Because. It may be. God has favored you. And you have walked.

Much in the light. Of his. Countenance. And that sweet. Reality. Will remain. In your soul's. Experience. Independence.

But. There is. This word. In the sacred pages. Thou makest. Darkness. And it is night. Wherein all the beasts.

Of the forest. Do creep. Forth. Who is among you. That feareth the Lord. And obeith the voice. Of his servant.

[28:06] That walketh in darkness. And hath. No light. Oh you need divine aid then. To endure. Saviour of sinners.

Deign to shine. On this benighted soul of mine. Oh show my wandering feet. The way. That leads to realms. Of endless.

Day. But you learn. As you are helped. To endure that darkness. And learn. The lessons. God designs. To. Bring home to you.

In his dealings. With you. Weeping may endure for a night. But joy cometh in. The morning. There is one scripture.

Which says. And the days of darkness. Shall be. Many. He that shall endure. Unto the. End.

[29:04] End. Then. This question of. Enduring. Has got this in it. What is needful to endure.

I have already said. The character is one. In whom the good work. Is begun. But once you have begun.

And said. Put my name down sir. And your name is recorded. And you set out. To be a pilgrim. There needs to be.

That feeling. And it will be born. In you then. There is no discouragement. Shall make him. Once relent. His first avowed intent.

To be. A pilgrim. But there is. This question of enduring. I said. And now. First of all. You need faith.

[30:02] And without faith. It is impossible. To please him. For he that cometh to God. Must believe that he is. And that he is a rewarder.

Of all them. That diligently. Seek him. Like precious faith. The apostle Peter. Terms it.

Faith in Jesus. Can repel. The darts. Of sin and death. Faith gives victory. Over hell. But who can give us faith.

And now there. You endure. As you journey on. And every day. Pray without ceasing. Lord. Increase our faith.

Help us to believe. What we do believe. And to hoard up. The sacred word. And feed thereon. And grow. Go on to seek. To know the Lord.

[31:00] And practice what we know. Yes. There is faith. Living faith. Which centers. In that which was done.

On Calvary's cross. And you endure. In your soul's experience. With a concern. That you humbly hope.

For me. Oh miracle of grace. For me. The Savior. Bled. And thus you learn. To run with patience. The race that is set.

Before you. Looking on to Jesus. And looking off all beside. Another characteristic. Essential to endure.

Is a spirit of prayer. Hence you read. What may seem to you. Strange to read sometimes. In the early dealings of God with you.

[31:59] I mean. Pray without ceasing. Continuing. Instant in prayer. Praying always. There must be an enduring in it.

It is so vital. To your soul's exercises. That you dare not. You cannot. Give it up.

No. The remedy lies before thee. Pray. But then sometimes you endure like this. Ever on thy captain calling.

Make thy worst condition. Known. He shall hold thee up when falling. Or shall lift thee up when down. But he that shall endure unto the end.

And now there is another characteristic. And you must possess it to endure. And that is love. Love. The religion of Jesus Christ.

[33:02] Is a religion of love. And you find. In this black background. To our subject. That the love of many.

As wax cold. Eh. But you must endure. As regards. Love. Love to God. Love to his house.

Love to the word of his grace. And love to his people. And by this shall all men know. That ye are my disciples.

That ye have love. One to another. Love is the golden chain. That binds. The favored souls above. And he is a hair of heaven.

Who finds his bosom. Glow with love. Beautiful and blessed. Grace. Is. Love.

[34:00] Beloved. Let us love one another. Says godly John. For love. Is. Of. God. And to endure.

In your profession. Of Jesus name. You must. Evidence it. Remember that. Living faith.

The spirit of prayer. And love. Just another characteristic. And that is patience.

Not the dictionary sort. But patience. That the word of God sets forth. Whereby you.

Will remember. For ye have need. Of patience. That after ye have done. The will of God. Ye might receive the promise.

[35:00] And now. As you endure. In your profession. Of Jesus name. There may be quite a few matters. Which as yet.

Have not been brought. To fruition. In your soul's exercises. And you need. To endure. Regarding.

There being. A right issue. And that means. My soul. Wait thou only. Upon God. For my expectation.

Is. From him. To endure. With this picture. Before the eyes. Of your faith. The vision is. For an appointed time.

Though it tarry. Wait for it. In the end. It shall speak. And not lie. It will surely come. It will not. Tarry. Oh. You have to wait.

[35:58] Sometimes. You're in. You're out. And then. At length. God makes plain. The why. And wherefore. He has. Led you in this way.

Or that. As the case. May be. And you see. He has led you forth. By the right way. Although. You had much to endure in it.

And you had to wait. To see what was the will of God. The working out. Of his purposes. Concerning you. Yes.

But he that shall endure unto the end. And now. With regard to. Patience. Being exercised. And you enduring therein.

You will find it helpful. To join the psalmist. When he says. Remember the word. Unto thy servant. Upon which thou hast caused me.

[36:57] To hope. And this will help you to endure. He tarries off. Till men. Are faint. And comes at evening.

Late. He hears and will relieve. Complaint. It is ours to pray. Pray and wait. And that is enduring. Go back to what I said.

Pray without ceasing. You cannot give it up. Though I am cast out of thy sight. I will look again.

Toward thy holy temple. And that is enduring. Though he slay me. Yet I will trust in him. And that is enduring.

And the psalmist says. Why art thou cast down. O my soul. Why art thou disquieted. In me.

[37:54] Hope thou in God. For I shall yet praise him. Who is the health. Of my countenance. And my God. And that is.

What it really means. What it really means. To endure. You see dear friends. Do believe this. It does not mean. That you have got tomorrow's grace today.

Held in reserve. You will never have any surplus grace. No. This question of enduring.

Is locked up in one scripture. And as thy days. So shall thy strength be. And it means this.

Every moment be receiving strength. And yet be always weak. Looking at it from another viewpoint. There is a word.

[38:52] In the Hebrews. That is. Very helpful. When. You may be. Hard put to it. To endure. And then

It will be. Not for you to look at that. Which you were called upon. To endure. And pour over it. In all the details of it. And feel like Jeremiah.

When he said. I am the man. That has seen affliction. As though nobody else. From Dan to Beersheba. Knew much about affliction. I say that with great reverence.

But the word of God says. Consider him. That endured. Such contradiction. Of sinners. Against himself.

Lest you be wearied. And faint in. Your minds. And for you. When you were called. To endure. Whatever it may be. It may be to do with you.

[39:51] In your everyday life. Your ordinary. Circumstances. I mean. Or it may be to do with the world. In which you live. And move. And.

Know the world. Lends dear. And scoff. And hatred. But even then. There is this to be known. If on my face.

For thy dear name. Shame and reproaches be. All hail. Reproach. And welcome shame. If thou. Remember. Me. But.

There is this word. That will help you. It is enough. For thee. Disciple. That he be. As his Lord. Did Christ.

My Lord. Suffer. And shall I repine. His way. Was much rougher. And darker. Than mine. But he.

[40:46] That shall endure. Unto. The end. The same. Shall be saved. And now. There are some illustrations.

In the word of God. That will help you. With this question. Of enduring. You can think of Moses.

When he stood. Before the. Burning bush. Which continued. To burn. And yet. It was not burnt. And Moses. Said.

I will turn aside. And see this great sight. And now. That is to show. That. The church of Christ. In the world. From the beginning.

Of it. Until time. Shall be no more. The church of Christ. Has been. Assailed. By earth. And hell. And many.

[41:44] A fire. As. Tended. To be burning. Up the church. But it lives on. The bush is not consumed.

No. No. Because. There is the good will of him. That dwelt in the bush.

And he says. Because I live. Ye shall live. Also. You can see this question. Of enduring too.

If you go back. In your minds. To when Israel. Went to war. With the Amalekites. And you remember. That Moses. Held up his hands.

Toward heaven. And sometimes. You sing about it. While Moses. Arms were stretched out. Wide. Success. Was found.

[42:39] On. Israel's side. But when. Through weariness. They failed. That moment. Amalek. Prevailed. It just comes back. To what. I have already. Hinted at.

About. Continuing. Instant. In. Prayer. This is the way. God. Is ordained. And you remember. Aaron and. Her. Got on each side.

Of Moses. And. Held up his hands. Till the. Amalekites. Were. Conquered. And there is. Help in God. To be obtained. For you and I.

To do it. Yes. But I must come. To the amen. He that shall. Endure. To the end. Think of what.

John Bunyan. Tells us. And. In his. Pilgrim's. Progress. He has that. Picture. Of. Where he saw. A man. Pouring water.

[43:35] On a fire. And the fire. Kept burning. And. John Bunyan. Could not. Understand. It. But. He was.

Inable. To see. At length. There was a man. Behind a wall. Who was. Secretly. Pouring. Oil. Upon the fire. And now.

There is a capital. M. To that man. Who is doing that. And so. I am the Lord. I change. Not. Therefore.

Ye sons. Of Jacob. Are not. Consumed. When we are. Fainting. And ready to die. Whatever is wanting. His grace.

Will supply. Thus. You will endure. But there is this. Test in time. To come. On all. Who were followers.

[44:30] Of Jesus. Christ. Who desire. To be witnesses. For him. And. Is. Truth. But he. That shall. Endure. Unto. The. End. The same. Shall be saved. And now.

I do hope. God. Will help you. To ponder. This line. Of things. The Savior. Said. In your patience. Possess.

Ye. Your souls. Go. Not. Too far. Into the future. When all. These things. Will be. Fulfilled. And men's. Hearts.

Everywhere. Will fail them. For fear. But learn. To live a day. At a time. And endure.

[45:23] Therein. So you will. Journey on. Through life. And be helped. To look back. Over the way. You have come along. And that will help you.

To thank God. And take courage. And go forward. Into the. Unknown. Future. However dark. The outlook. May be. And you will find.

They that in the Lord. Confide. And shelter. In his. Wounded. Side. Shall see all. Dangerous. Overpassed.

Stand every storm. And live. At last. Amen. Amen. Amen.