WORLD OUTREACH CHURCH

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Faith Mountains

Then The End Will Come

Psalm 18:30-33 (NIV®)
30 As for God, his way is perfect; the word of the Lord is flawless. He is a shield for all who take refuge in him. 31 For who is God besides the Lord? And who is the Rock except our God? 32 It is God who arms me with strength and makes my way perfect. 33 **He makes my feet like the feet of a deer; he enables me to stand on the heights.**

Matthew 24:14 (NIV®)
And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and **then the end will come**.

I. Our Heritage — 4000+ years of a God-story which began with God's call to Abram

A. God's Intent — *A People For Himself*

Genesis 12:1-3 (NIV®)
1 The Lord had said to Abram, "Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you. 2 I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

1. Great Nation
2. I Will Bless You
3. A Great Name
4. You Will Be a Blessing
5. Advocate for Supporters
6. Adversary to Opponents
7. All Peoples Blessed

B. Indebted

Romans 9:4-5 (NIV®)
4 …the people of Israel. Theirs is the adoption as sons; theirs the divine glory, the covenants, the receiving of the law, the temple worship and the promises. 5 Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them is traced the human ancestry of Christ, who is God over all, forever praised! Amen.

Revelation 21:9-12 (NIV®)
9 "Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb." 10 And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God. 11 It shone with the glory of God, and its brilliance was like that of a very precious jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. 12 It had a great, high wall with twelve gates, and with twelve angels at the gates. **On the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel.**

C. A Promise for Us

Galatians 3:14 (NIV®)
He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit.

Hebrews 11:39–40 (NIV®)

39 These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised.
40 God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.

II. Faithful or Unfaithful

Psalm 125:1-2 (NIV®)

1 Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be shaken but endures forever. 2 As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds his people both now and forevermore.

A. Choices

Luke 7:30 (NIV®)

But the Pharisees and experts in the law rejected God's purpose for themselves, because they had not been baptized by John.

B. Blind Spots

Matthew 15:8-14 (NIV®)

8 "'These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. 9 They worship me in vain; their teachings are but rules taught by men.'" 10 Jesus called the crowd to him and said, "Listen and understand. 11 What goes into a man's mouth does not make him 'unclean,' but what comes out of his mouth, that is what makes him 'unclean.'" 12 Then the disciples came to him and asked, "Do you know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this?" 13 He replied, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be pulled up by the roots. 14 Leave them; they are blind guides. If a blind man leads a blind man, both will fall into a pit."

C. Courage to Ask/Trust

Psalm 46:1-3 (NIV®)

1 God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. 2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, 3 though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.

III. Hunger & Thirst

Psalm 42:1 (NIV®)

As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God.

Philippians 3:10–12 (NIV®)

10 I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, 11 and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead. 12 Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.

2 Timothy 4:8 (NIV®)

Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

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