

No. 45 Pursue What Builds Loyalty (Symposium)
-Faith

[PLEASE NOTE: This talk includes a video]

HOW DOES FAITH BUILD LOYALTY? (2 min.)

Faith is, not mere wishful thinking, but unshakable belief based on concrete evidence (Heb 11:1)

[Read Hebrews 11:6]

If our faith is weak, we feel uncertain about the fulfillment of Jehovah's promises and whether he will help us when we face trials
If our faith is strong, we know that all of Jehovah's promises will come true and that he will enable us to bear trials

With strong faith, we remain determined to be loyal

HOW TO BUILD FAITH (3 min.)

Building faith involves taking in accurate knowledge and reasoning on evidence

Prove Bible truth to yourself by studying God's Word (Ro 10:17; 12:1; w15 9/15 16-17 ¶16; w05 2/15 19 ¶9-10)

Become intimately familiar with Jehovah's ways and personality and his record of fulfilling his promises

We must be more than simply aware of the evidence

Israelites saw overwhelming evidence, but they failed to reason on it

Faithful Abraham "reasoned" on God's word of promise and on Jehovah's past dealings with him, and this enabled him to demonstrate strong faith (Heb 11:17-19)

We must reason on God's Word and his dealings with us

Meditate on occasions when Jehovah answered your prayers (Ps 77:11-12; w02 10/15 17 ¶16)

Let us take one more look at our brothers and sisters facing the great tribulation and note how vital their faith is to their endurance

VIDEO (4 min.)

WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED FROM THIS SYMPOSIUM? (2 min.)

Of course, we do not know all the details of how events will unfold during the great tribulation

The videos we have seen are merely a dramatization to illustrate the points discussed in these two symposiums

What we do know is that Jehovah will guard his loyal ones

This symposium has taught us that in order to remain loyal during future trials and through the great tribulation, we need to build loyalty now

Now is no time to ignore a weakness we see in ourselves, such as a critical attitude, a lack of self-control, an unloving spirit, or a lack of faith

Now is the time to build deep appreciation for Jehovah and his organization, to exercise self-control not only in our actions but also in our thoughts, to have love for Jehovah and the whole association of brothers, and to build strong faith

Now is the time to pursue qualities that build loyalty, so as to remain loyal to Jehovah for all eternity

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