

“Let Us Run”

Kingdom of Priests Series

Sunday, March 19, 2023

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- 1. Let Us Throw Off What Hinders Us – 12:1a** - Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, **let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles.** (NIV)
- 2. Let Us Run with Perseverance - 12:1b** - And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, (NIV)
- 3. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus – 12:2** - Let us fix our eyes on Jesus the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. (NIV)

Stay in the Running!

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- Let Us Throw Off What Hinders Us
- Let Us Run with Perseverance

- 1. Look around at the winners!** The great cloud of witnesses.
- 2. Look at yourself!** How to run a race with endurance.
- 3. Look at Jesus Christ!**

Let Us Look Unto Jesus

Hebrews 12:2 “Looking unto Jesus, [fix your eyes on Jesus] the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”

God Provided Healing and Deliverance

Numbers 21:4-9 Then they journeyed from Mount Hor by the Way of the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; and **the soul of the people became very discouraged on the way. And the people spoke against God and against Moses:** “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and our soul loathes this worthless bread.”

So, the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and many of the people of Israel died. Therefore, the people came to Moses, and said,

“We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD that He take away the serpents from us.” So, Moses prayed for the people.

Then the LORD said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent, and set it on a pole; and it shall be that everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it, shall live.” So, Moses made a bronze serpent, and put it on a pole; and so it was, if a serpent had bitten anyone, when he looked at the bronze serpent, he lived.

Jesus was lifted up on the cross.

John 3:14-16 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

- Looking unto Jesus describes an attitude of faith and not just a onetime act.
- “I will put my trust in him.” Hebrews 2:13 (OT Isaiah 8:17)

Psalms 16:8 I keep my eyes always on the LORD. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

The Joy Set Before Jesus

Jude 24-25 “Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to God our Savior, who alone is wise, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever. Amen.”

- Completing His Father’s will
- His resurrection and exaltation
- His joy in presenting believers to the Father in Glory

Keep Your Thoughts on Jesus

Hebrews 3:1 Therefore, holy brothers and sisters, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, whom we acknowledge as our apostle and high priest.

- Actively set your focus on Jesus by remembering what he has done and thanking Him.

Keep your spiritual eyes opened and focused on Him.

1 Thes.5:17 – “pray continually.”

Ps.1:2 – “But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.”

Eph.1:15-18 – “For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints.”