

Matthew 24:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

Analysis

Jesus' promise 'he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved' connects perseverance with salvation. This doesn't mean salvation by works but that genuine faith perseveres through trials. 'Endure unto the end' means maintaining faith despite persecution, deception, and falling away (vv. 9-12). True believers don't lose salvation but prove it through endurance. Perseverance is evidence of regeneration, not its cause. Temporary faith isn't saving faith.

Historical Context

The context describes persecution (v. 9), false prophets (v. 11), and love growing cold (v. 12)—severe testing. Some will fall away, proving their faith was false. But genuine believers endure, demonstrating the Holy Spirit's preserving work. This isn't self-effort but God's grace enabling perseverance (Philippians 1:6).

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. How does enduring faith prove genuine salvation in your life?
2. What trials are testing your perseverance, and how is God's grace sustaining you?

Interlinear Text

ο	δὲ	ὑπομείνας	εἰς	τέλος	οὗτος	σωθήσεται
G3588	But	he that shall endure	unto	the end	the same	shall be saved
G1161		G5278	G1519	G5056	G3778	G4982

Additional Cross-References

Matthew 10:22 (Salvation): And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved.

Revelation 2:10 (Parallel theme): Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.

Mark 13:13 (Salvation): And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

Hebrews 10:39 (Parallel theme): But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.

Hebrews 3:14 (Parallel theme): For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end;

Romans 2:7 (Parallel theme): To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life:

1 Corinthians 1:8 (Parallel theme): Who shall also confirm you unto the end, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Luke 8:15 (Parallel theme): But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience.

Matthew 24:6 (Parallel theme): And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.

Hebrews 3:6 (Parallel theme): But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end.

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