

Hardship and Heaven



HARDSHIP AND HEAVEN SURVEY OF THE NEW TESTAMENT PASTOR JOSHUA BROOKS

The Divinely Appointed Order of Hardship Before Heaven

- 1) “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will _____ it, but whoever loses their life for me will _____ it.” (Matt 16:24-25)
- 2) “Anyone who loves their life will _____ it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for _____ life.” (John 12:25)
- 3) “We must go through many _____ to enter the _____ of God.” (Acts 14:22)
- 4) “I consider that our present _____ are not worth comparing with the _____ that will be revealed...” (Romans 8:18)
- 5) “Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary _____ are achieving for us an eternal _____ that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.” (2 Cor 4:16-18)
- 6) “I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his _____, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, attaining to the _____ from the dead.” (Phil 3:10-11)
- 7) “For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. I have fought the good _____, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the _____ of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day...” (2 Tim 4:6-8)
- 8) “You suffered along with those in prison and joyfully accepted the confiscation of your property, because you knew that you yourselves had better and lasting possessions. So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded. You need to _____ so that when you have done the will of God, you will _____ what he has promised.” (Heb 10:32-36)
- 9) “Endure _____ as discipline; God is treating you as his children. For what children are not disciplined by their father? No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a _____ of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.” (Heb 12:7, 11)
- 10) “Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the _____, that person will receive the _____ of life the Lord has promised to those who love him.” (James 1:12)

- 11) “God has given us... an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This _____ is kept in heaven for you, who thru faith are shielded by God’s power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer _____ in all kinds of trials.” (1 Pet 1:4-6)
- 12) “Do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the _____ of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his _____ is revealed.” (1 Pet 4:12-13)
- 13) “And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have _____ a little while, will himself _____ you and make you strong, firm and steadfast.” (1 Pet 5:10)
- 14) “To the one who _____, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the _____ of God.” (Rev 2:7)
- 15) “Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer... Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you life as your victor’s crown... The one who _____ will not be hurt at all by the second _____.” (Rev 2:10-11)
- 16) “To the one who _____, I will give some of the hidden manna. I will also give that person a white _____ with a new name written on it, known only to the one who receives it.” (Rev 2:17)
- 17) “To the one who _____ and does my will to the end, I will give authority over the nations— that one ‘will rule them with an iron scepter and will dash them to pieces like pottery’—just as I have received authority from my Father. I will also give that one the _____ star.” (Rev 2:26-28)
- 18) “The one who _____ will, like them, be dressed in white. I will never blot out the name of that person from the book of _____, but will acknowledge that name before my Father and his angels.” (Rev 3:5)
- 19) “The one who _____ I will make a pillar in the temple of my God. Never again will they leave it. I will write on them the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which is coming down out of heaven from my God; and I will also write on them my new _____.” (Rev 3:12)
- 20) “To the one who _____, I will give the right to sit with me on my _____, just as I was victorious and sat down with my Father on his throne.” (Rev 3:21)

Take Aways from these Verses

- 1) God’s _____ about our hardship
- 2) The _____ that Heaven will be worth it
- 3) To inspire _____
- 4) To _____ for #1, #2, and #3