

# ***THE GREAT FALLING AWAY AND THE RISING REMNANT***



Jesus made it clear:

There will be a falling away.

There will also be those who endure to the end.

***Then they will deliver you up to tribulation, and put you to death;  
and you will be hated by all nations for my name's sake.***

***And then many will fall away, and betray one another, and hate one another.***

***And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray.***

***And because wickedness is multiplied, most men's love will grow cold.***

## **Early signs.**

The privilege and protection enjoyed for centuries by Christians in much of the world is coming to an end.

Soon this protection will be gone.

In place of favored treatment, Christians will be increasingly despised as hypocrites, wimps and frauds.

The minority haters will put Christians at the top of their list.

Many believers will be terrified and melt quietly into the pagan mass.

No longer will there be “a church on every corner.”

The word, “Christian”, will have a different ring.

The name “Jesus” will be jeered as it was on Good Friday.

The “Great Falling Away” will unfold before our eyes.

**The remnant.**

But while many Christians betray one another and hate one another a remnant will emerge, faithful to Jesus through it all.

***But he who endures to the end will be saved.***

***And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached throughout the whole world, as a testimony to all nations; and then the end will come.***

**Matthew 24**

**This remnant will suffer.**

**It will be despised.**

**But it will never lose its voice.**



It will rise up and proclaim the gospel of the kingdom with such power that the nations will be shaken.

***"For behold, the day comes, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch.***

***But for you who fear my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings. You shall go forth leaping like calves from the stall."***

**Malachi 4**

### **Jesus' word to the remnant.**

The remnant has been here since the day Jesus sat on the Mount of Olives preparing his disciples for the days ahead.

***As he sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the close of the age?"***

***And Jesus answered them, "Take heed that no one leads you astray.***

***For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and they will lead many astray.***

***And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars; see that you are not alarmed; for this must take place, but the end is not yet."***

**"Take heed that no one leads you astray."**

**"See that you are not alarmed, for the end is not yet."**

Don't panic.

Don't get carried away by what you see and hear.

**Stay focused on the one thing needful: God's kingdom.**



***"For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places: all this is but the beginning of the birth-pangs."***

And now, for reasons known only to God, the remnant of deeply committed men and women will be the scapegoat, the target of hatred and blame.

**"Then they will deliver you up to tribulation, and put you to death;  
and you will be hated by all nations for my name's sake."**

**Matthew 24**

The remnant has been living the kingdom life since the day Jesus gave them this counsel.

The remnant is being sustained by the Lord at this instant.

These women and men are focused.

**They are walking in the light.**

**They are ready for whatever happens.**



**God grant that we may be among them.**

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*Prayer: Yes Lord, may we be among those who endure to the end. Sustain us Lord, sustain us. Sustain us with your loving presence, your tender guidance. Help us not to be led astray... if we are...call us back. Help us not to grow cold as wickedness is multiplied around us. Keep our hearts warm to you...lit with a fire of passionate love for you, empowering us to live your Kingdom on this earth. And Lord take this remnant that seems so weak and voiceless in the midst of the darkness...and give us voices, give us lives that shake the nations of this broken and dark planet with such force, such power that many will fall before in awe and love. Amen.*

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