

# “Hosanna to the Son of David”

Matthew 21:9



# **Lessons on: Steadfastness in way of the Lord**



**"My heart is steadfast, O God,  
my heart is steadfast"**

**Psalms 57:7**

# Highlights

1. Aspects of Steadfastness
2. Different types of people along the way
3. Importance of Steadfastness
4. How can we acquire Steadfastness in our relationship with God?



# 1. Aspects of Steadfastness

1. In Faith
2. In God's love: "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?" **Romans 8:35**
3. In striving for holiness
4. In Christian virtues: "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord" **1 Corinthians 15:58**



## 2. Different types of people <sup>(1)</sup>

1. Those who only desire to walk with God.  
Nothing go beyond a wish for a godly life.
2. Some turn to God temporarily and soon turn to another pursuit: “for Demas has forsaken me, having loved this present world” **2 Timothy 4:10**
3. Some plan many beginnings but with no follow through. No ability to finish the race and no fruits are revealed.





## 2. Different types of people <sup>(2)</sup>

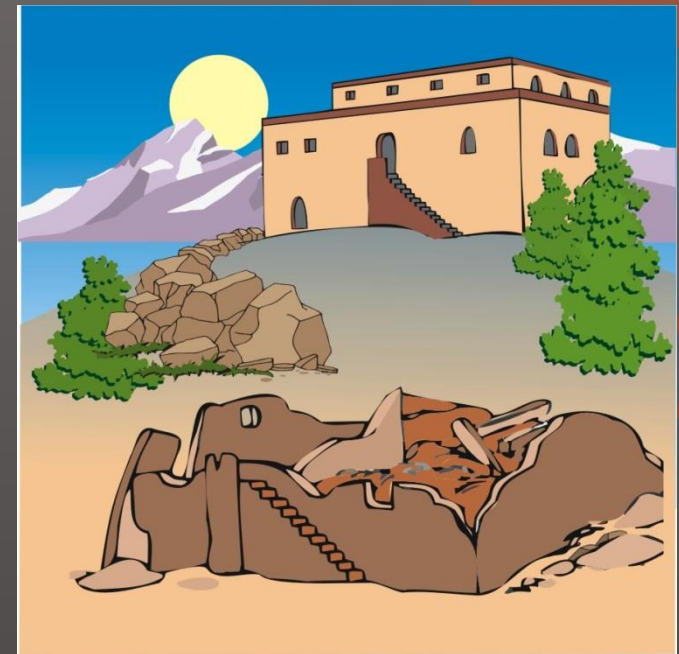
4. Those who try to walk the path with double interests and double loyalties. Soon, they will be discouraged and turn away.
5. Those who pursue the way with a steadfast heart. They might fall along the way, but they never turn away from it.



### 3. Importance of Steadfastness <sup>(1)</sup>

1. This is the only way by which we can overcome the tribulations that may come upon us: "Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock"

Matthew 7:24-25



# 3. Importance of Steadfastness <sup>(2)</sup>

2. Being double minded will hurt us in every pursuit not only on God's way: "...a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways" **James 1:8**
3. Steadfastness is a mandate to experience growth in the relationship with God.
4. Only those who endure to the end shall be saved.





# 4. How can we acquire Steadfastness? <sup>(1)</sup>

## 1. The Clear Goal:

- Am I after God or God's gifts? (Those who received the Lord on Palm Sunday...what were they cheering for?)
- "Now it came to pass, when the time had come for Him to be received up, that He steadfastly set **His face** to go to Jerusalem" **Luke 9:51**
- The clear goal makes the pursuit steady and the difficulties subject to us.



## 4. How can we acquire Steadfastness? (2)

### 2. Who leads me at the end?:

- Are they my desires?
- Is it my mind and what makes sense to it?
- Or is it the Spirit of God in me to whom I yield and allow Him to dictate my decisions?



## 4. How can we acquire Steadfastness? <sup>(3)</sup>

### 3. Acquiring "Roots":

- The roots are what hold a big tree to the ground and nourish it to grow.
- They are the practices of the true Christian life with all of its asceticism, selflessness, and humility
- These roots also come from tasting God's love and realizing His goodness.



## 4. How can we acquire Steadfastness? <sup>(4)</sup>

### 4. The external support:

- This is what the Lord requested from St. Peter: “and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren.” **Luke 22:32**
- This is the need we will always have for other members of the Body of Christ.

