

## **In Times of Trouble, The Just Shall Live by Faith**

### **HABAKKUK 2:4**

Behold the proud, his soul is not upright in him;  
But the just shall live by his faith.<sup>1</sup>

### **ROMANS 1:17**

For in it the righteousness of GOD is revealed from faith to faith;  
as it is written, "The just shall live by faith."<sup>2</sup>

### **A Prayer for Faith in Times of Distress**

My GOD,

I bless Thee that Thou hast given me the eye of Faith,

to see Thee as Father, to know Thee as a covenant GOD,  
to experience Thy Love planted in me;

For Faith is The Grace of union

by which I spell out my entitlement to Thee:

Faith casts my anchor upwards where I trust in Thee  
and engage Thee to be my Lord.

Be pleased to live and move within me,

breathing in my prayers, inhabiting my praises,  
speaking in my words, moving in my actions,  
living in my life, causing me to grow in Grace.

Thy bounteous Goodness has helped me believe,

but [when trials come,] my Faith is weak and wavering,  
its light dim, its steps tottering,  
its increase slow, its backsliding frequent;

It should scale the heavens but lies [at times] groveling in the dust.

Lord, fan This Divine Spark into glowing flame...

Lord, awake Faith to put forth its strength

until all Heaven fills my soul and all... [darkness] is cast out!<sup>3</sup>

### **A Meditation for Times of Trouble**

When the storms of life engulf us,

may we humble ourselves before The Lord,

praying for GOD's Grace to increase our Faith,

that we may endure and overcome in His Love. AMEN.

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<sup>1</sup> New King James Version, HABAKKUK 2:4.

<sup>2</sup> New King James Version, ROMANS 1:17.

<sup>3</sup> A Prayer of Grace, "Faith." Author unknown. *The Valley of Vision: A Collection of Puritan Prayers & Devotions*, p 160. Edited by Arthur Bennett, Canon of St. Albans Cathedral. Banner of Truth Trust, Carlisle, Penn, 1973.

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