Worship Service October 1st, 2017 9:30 am Welcome & Opening Prayers Adult Sunday school 10:00 am Lesson 22: The River of Life & The Tree of Life **Praises & Worship** 10:40 am 10:55 am **Congregational Hymns** 11:00 am Today's Message SPIRITUAL STRIVING IN THE END TIMES Offering - Ushers 11:45 am Offering Hymn 12:00 pm **Closing Prayers & Benediction**

October Birthdays

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Luke 13:23-30

To strive means "to make great efforts to achieve or obtain something; to struggle or fight vigorously." From our text, Christ said, "From the days of John Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force" Matt. 11:12. At other times, He said to be His disciples, one needs to deny self and take your cross to follow Him. Heaven is life eternal, and that is why we need to strive to get there. Today, we want see what the Bible says about Striving to Enter.

I. REASONS TO STRIVE TO ENTER

- 1. The Christian Journey is a Spiritual Warfare, Rev. 12:12; II Cor. 10:3-5
- 2. Increase in knowledge making life easy and therefore following Christ becoming a struggle, Daniel 12:4; John 16:33; 17:14-17
- 3. Strait is the gate and narrow is the way but many are those wants to enter. Matt. 7:13.14
- 4. The prevalence of false prophets which come in sheep clothing, Matt. 7:15-20
- 5. False Christians will be disappointed on the last day, Matt. 7:21-23

II. SPIRITUAL STRIVING

Luke 13:24; I Cor. 9:25; Phil. 3:12-14; II Tim. 4:6-8; Heb. 11:13-16; 12:1-4

The Book of Hebrews Chapter 11 has listed the Roll Call of the Heroes of Faith. All those believers of old were determined to enter into that kingdom that we are also pursuing today.