

# “PROTECTION FROM WORRY AND FEAR”

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God wants us to have our peace all the time. His plan for us is to never be upset, worried, or burdened down with cares and anxiety. God has made a provision for us to be delivered from all fear and troubles of every kind.

When we get agitated or upset about something that happens, or something said or done to us, it gives Satan the opportunity to work and disturb us. He is the one that starts those feelings within us and uses them to keep us irritated or upset just to rob us of that great inheritance that God has so freely given to us through the Blood on Calvary's Cross.

When we learn that we have that Atonement right to be free from all worry, fear, and anxiety, it will enable God to work. God not only wants us to have our peace within but He also, wants us to have everything on the outside to be just as peaceful and to have everything else that touches us, just as we would like it to be.

Before man fell in the Garden of Eden, he enjoyed perfect peace and rest. He never knew what it would be like to be worried or upset about anything. He was perfectly happy, but when he fell into sin and rebellion against God, he became subject to fear, trouble and anxiety.

The very first manifestation of the fall of Adam was fear. God called to Adam and said, “*Where art thou.*” Adam replied, “*I heard Thy voice in the garden and I was afraid and hid myself.*”

It was a very short time from creation and Satan was already at work, he caused Adam to listen to his lies and then, he already had fear, torment, and burden.

But out of God's great love and mercy, He made a great provision for our deliverance from all fear, trouble, and anxiety. He sent His Son to this earth to be our Savior. We find it in the 53<sup>rd</sup> chapter of Isaiah---“*The chastisement of our peace was upon Him.*”

That includes everything that we could need or desire. Very few people realize the importance and the extent of that verse. It covers anything that would cause us any trouble. Anything that could upset or disturb us, was borne on the Cross.

Satan, who is the manufacturer of all trouble and distress, was conquered there on the Cross and has become a paralyzed and defeated foe. Hebrews 2:14, *“Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;”*

We want to fully understand that Satan is really and truly become a paralyzed foe, through that work on the Cross, and has no divine or Scriptural right to make any kind of trouble for us.

All our troubles and the cause for all our troubles were all nailed to the Cross with Jesus Christ, as well as anything else that Satan or anyone else could say or do to make us unhappy. It has all been nailed to that Cross.

We were created from the beginning to have our peace, happiness, and rest, but lost it through the rebellion of our first parent, Adam, but it has all been restored through the second Adam, Jesus Christ.

The blessings that we lost through Adam have all been restored through Jesus Christ’s great work on Calvary’s Cross. We have a full Blood-Bought Right to have our peace and rest, free from all care, anxiety and every burden.

If we worry and get upset about things, that only allows the devil the privilege of getting in and keeping us upset. If we do not permit the devil to upset us about anything, God will remove the cause of the trouble and give us the victory.

When we get victory over the worry, it puts Satan back where he belongs, a defeated paralyzed foe. When we rest, God works, when we are anxious and upset, Satan works.

Isaiah 30:15, *“For thus saith the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel; In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength: and ye would not.”*

Then we have that remarkable triumph of Jehoshaphat and his people in the valley of Berachah over the three Arabian nations. The 46<sup>th</sup> Psalm was written on the occasion of his great victory.

Psalm 46:1-3, *“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof.”* And he sums it up by saying, *“Be still and know that I am God.”*

Jehoshaphat learned to rest in perfect peace, even when three nations were coming to destroy him and his people.

To know that 'I am God', would mean, to know how loving and kind, how willing to help, an ever-present help, how anxious and able God is to help, and how He will make our lives perfectly ideal, here, and for eternity.

It means that we can enjoy all the power and blessing, all the love and resources that God is delighted to give to us, and we can enter in to the full enjoyment of all God's power, ability, and riches. That is the great value of quietness and rest, as it has been provided for us on Calvary's Cross. There is no reason for us to worry or be anxious about anything.

All fear, worry, and anxiety are all from Satan. They are just 'scare' tactics from Satan himself. His black pictures and thoughts are what he uses to try to get in. If we accept them, that allows Satan to start his way in.

People in the world, who don't place their protection in God's hands, have a lot to worry about. They have no real protection from God, their lives are practically in danger every moment. Romans 8:6 tells us, "*For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.*"

To be spiritually minded and as we place our trust in our Heavenly Father, there is not one thing that can happen that we should worry about. The only reason for this is because the Blood of Jesus Christ has placed God Himself between us and Satan and every evil thing.

God is between us and everything Satan or his agents could say or do, and there is not one thing that can harm us until it passes through God, and there is not one thing that men nor devils ever devised that could ever pass through God. God is an impregnable fortress.

Moses was so positive about this when he said in the 91<sup>st</sup> Psalm, "*He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust. Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.*"

We cannot afford to worry about anything that Satan or anyone else would say or do to us. The snare of the fowler is the trap Satan would like to set to snag us. But we have that impregnable fortress between us and that snare and we have our Atonement Right to be protected

from that noisome pestilence. Therefore, we have no reason to be afraid of any sickness or disease that the world may say is going around.

Verses 6-7, *“Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday. A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.”*

Many have fallen, and Satan has that snare in his hand, but cannot get past that impregnable fortress.

Those things happen to people outside of God’s will. We may see them fall on the right hand and on the left, but between us and Satan, and every evil thing, there is a fortress that cannot be penetrated, an armor plate through which no evil can pass.

The Bible is full of many examples of how God delivered His people out of the most terrible, frightful, and desperate places, they could be in, humanly speaking. Yet His people were just as safe and free from all care and anxiety, as if the dangers that surrounded them did not exist.

Many times, God’s people in Bible times were burdened down and upset, but they found out later, that it was all wasted time. All worry, anxiety, and tension were all unnecessary. They could have done as David said in Psalm 4:8, *“I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: for thou, LORD, only makest me dwell in safety.”*

The great God of Heaven and earth, with all power and authority, is at our side, and stands between us and every evil thing. We need to stop and meditate upon that and ask God to help us to really grasp that truth. We are free from all harm and danger and have no reason to fear all that the world is afraid of today.

When we worry and fear, that allows Satan to work. When we rest in God’s peace, then God can work. Our entire salvation and preparation for Heaven and our victory, blessing, and happiness now and forever, depends on whether we worry or if we rest.

We are given some good advice, so very clear and strong in Philippians 4:6-7, *“Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”*

Before Jesus went away, He told us in Matthew 28:20, “*Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.*” He is ever-present, or omnipresent, never a time He is not with us. We do not see Him in person, but nevertheless, He is just as real, in the presence of the Holy Spirit. The third person of the Trinity, who is co-equal with God and Christ. He is the One who is always with us.

We don’t see the air we breathe, yet it is present with us. And we don’t see electricity, yet it does its work just the same. The power of God is just as present, and it is there for our benefit, to do everything that we could need, spiritually, physically, financially, peace, and victory everywhere.

We always want to keep before us, that when we worry, Satan will work. When we cease to be worried, Satan’s power is broken and God’s power can take its place and we can enjoy His perfect peace.

Isaiah 26:3, “*Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.*”

If we start looking at our trouble and anything that would or could disturb us, we would not be kept in perfect peace.

When Elisha the prophet was at Dothan, he was warning the King of Israel of the plans and whereabouts of the King of Syria, so the King of Israel would be prepared to defend himself when he would be attacked. This infuriated the King of Syria so he surrounded the city of Dothan, to capture Elisha.

Elisha’s servant was scared, worried, and trembling. He said to Elisha, “Alas my master, how shall we do?” He was scared, but Elisha was calm as could be, because his mind was stayed on Thee, because he trusteth in Thee.

Elisha gave his servant that memorable reply. He said, “Fear not, for they that be with us are more than they that be with them.” That reply is a statement for us to remember as well. God’s protection is greater than any problem we could face.

Although, that reply did not seem to help Elisha’s servant, since he hadn’t fully surrendered his life to God aright, and didn’t reject Satan’s dark pictures.

Elisha realized this, so he went to God in prayer and prayed for his servant. He said, “Lord I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see.” And the Lord opened his servant’s eyes and he saw, and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.

No army in the world could pass even one of those chariots, and yet the mountain was filled with chariots of fire to protect Elisha.

That is the protection we have, that impregnable fortress that is placed between us and the powers of Satan. There is no power that can penetrate that shield and it is omnipresent, never a time that He is not with us. And as the 46<sup>th</sup> Psalm tells us, *“Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea.”*

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