

Trusting In GOD

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Has there ever been a time when man did not need GOD? We often hear statements like, "we are in trying times", and "things just keep getting worse". What do you suppose Zipporah thought when GOD called her husband to go to Egypt? Wonder if she was sad, happy, confused, or concerned? What about 'Mrs. Noah' in the days just prior to the flood and during the flood? Do you suppose she felt afraid and concern for her family? I can't imagine a worse situation than being carried away from your home and country by your enemies. Yet that is just what happened to Daniel, Ezekiel and many others during the Babylonian Captivity.

What about Elijah? He was sent to stay by a brook with birds bringing him his food; then to live at the home of a widow he did not know to ask for food and lodging for an undetermined amount of time. Do you suppose the sin in our world today is greater than that in Sodom? GOD destroyed this city along with others because of the sin there. Yet in all these examples we have cited the LORD protected and cared for His children. It was just as difficult for them or more so than for us today. The one thing we have in common is the LORD. Having the LORD in our life and His will in our heart is the only thing that can protect us in these trying times. "Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them." (Psalm 119:165) He never changes and His promises are still true. "JESUS CHRIST the same yesterday, today and forever." (Hebrews 13:8)

The LORD told the apostle Paul, "My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness." And Paul's reply should be our reply, "Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of CHRIST may rest upon me." (2 Corinthians 12:9) Wow! Can we trust the LORD that much, that we are willing to suffer 'happily' in order that His strength can be made perfect in us? Our today and our tomorrows may seem challenging and unsure but our future and our eternity lies in the hand of Him who loves us and gave His life that we might live.

The song correctly states, "This world is not my home, I'm just a passing through..." We are just 'pilgrims' on this earth on our way to a new land, a promised land, heaven! Let us be as those who have gone on before us: "These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them and embraced them and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth." (Hebrews 11:13)

"And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both body and soul in hell." (Matthew 10:28) The Psalmist tells us our trust must lie in the LORD. "But let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them: let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee. For thou, LORD wilt bless the righteous: with favour wilt thou compass him as with a shield." (Psalm 5:11-12)

As a final thought I leave you with one of my favorite section of verses: "Rejoice in the LORD always: and again I say, Rejoice. Let your moderation be known unto all men. The LORD is at hand. 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." (Philippians 4:4-7)

Have a week of peace and happiness in the LORD!!!