

God Is In Control

Psalm 91:1-11 CEV - The LORD Is My Fortress

91 Live under the protection of God Most High and stay in the shadow of God All-Powerful.

² Then you will say to the LORD, "You are my fortress, my place of safety; you are my God, and I trust you."

³ The Lord will keep you safe from secret traps and deadly diseases.

⁴ He will spread his wings over you and keep you secure. His faithfulness is like a shield or a city wall.

⁵ You won't need to worry about dangers at night or arrows during the day.

⁶ And you won't fear diseases that strike in the dark or sudden disaster at noon.

⁷ You will not be harmed, though thousands fall all around you.

⁸ And with your own eyes you will see the punishment of the wicked.

⁹ The LORD Most High is your fortress. Run to him for safety, ¹⁰ and no terrible disasters will strike you or your home.

¹¹ God will command his angels to protect you wherever you go.

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- That's where and when **we find inner peace!**
- **It's not** about what you can do, it **never has been** about what you can do...
- It's all about ***what He can do.***

Story - I heard about a young boy who received a harmonica for His birthday from his uncle. After the first of the year he saw his uncle for the first time since receiving the harmonica.

- With a large smile he said, "Thanks for the harmonica you gave me for My birthday "It's the best present I ever got."
- "That's great," replied his uncle. "Do you know how to play it?"
- "Oh, I don't play it," the little fellow replied.

"**My mom** gives me a dollar a day not to play it during the day and **my dad** gives me five dollars a week not to play it at night!"

- "**Smart kid** don't ya think?"
- Sometimes we need to think smart and be rational

The older a person gets, the more he or she can relate to what every generation has thought or said at one time or another.

- "What in the world is this younger generation thinking."

But In every generation, the accuser has **re-invented** the same old story lines of doom and gloom.

- Only **his tactics** are more overt and have gotten more brash & unbelievable.
- To the point of far **too many have come to believe and except defeat**
- And live in a **depressed and fear-based mentality**

God knew there would be **chaos and times of uncertainty** in the world.

- That's why God gave us a relevant Word, for every situation and for every generation!
- God's promises are relevant, and
- God's words are timely for every occasion and every generation!

John 14:27 CEV

²⁷ I give you peace, the kind of peace that only I can give. It isn't like the peace that this world can give. So don't be worried or afraid.

So many people around the world, are worried from one world Catastrophe... elections, sickening desires, viruses and **the consequences of them** to the next.

They live their lives in fear

- The way they act is **ruled by what happens** on the news which causes them to believe and act and **with extremism**.

Their afraid of this and that,

- What will happen - What won't happen
- And what someone might think may happen.
- Pres. Franklin Roosevelt said ***“the only thing we have to fear is fear itself”***

Many are worried with fear

- About what they own
- While forgetting the fact, ***God owns it all!***

God instructs us to not worry about what will happen...

- But to **trust His plan** for our lives! **The Bible says:**

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If you watch the news all the time

- It's a minute by minute saga of the **relentless attack of the divider** on all of humanity!
- **You have to really use discernment**
- And trust the Lord, that **He is in control** of every situation.

Hebrews 13:5 CEV

⁵Don't fall in love with money. Be satisfied with what you have. **The Lord has promised** that he will not leave us or desert us.

- Sometimes I think we need to be reminded
- As long as God is on my side
- There is nothing that come against us
- No matter what is reported or how bad things may seem to be.

Do we need to be smart?

YES!!!!

But as believers

- We put our faith and trust in Him
- Not the media or even the government's ability *to stop a crisis*.

Nothing surprises God

- Nothing is outside his ability to control.
- Not earthquakes...
- Not hurricanes...
- Not revolts or uprisings in other lands...
- Not government controlled programs -
- Or whatever the price of oil decides to go to -
- Or record breaking temperature changes of hot or cold...
- Not even a virus or pandemic!!!!!!

God has already made provision

- For every situation that we will ever come up against
- **NOTHING** can alter Gods plan for His people or His Triumphant Return!

As Christians

- We need to grasp hold of the Word
- The Grace and Peace God has both already and continually supplied
- And hang on to His Word at all times.

Our flesh and fear based mentality doesn't want us to know the promise of the Word, or remember its benefits!

- Because there is so much peace and comfort to be had from *the truth and power revealed* by the Word!

That's why **the author of confusion** has been *fighting it ever since he was expelled* from heaven.....

How long did it take for God to get rid of confusion in Heaven?

- The scriptures says and I saw satan fall like Lightning
- And lightning travels at a rate of 28500 miles per sec –
- That's how fast **God got rid of confusion** based mentality in Heaven!!!

He said **I am God** and beside me there is **no other**!!!!

If you want answers to your questions about what is happening in your world...

- The answer is found in Jesus and the miraculous Grace, life changing message He introduced to the world **at the cross**.

Hebrews 13:9 NKJV

⁹ Do not be carried ^(away) about with various and strange doctrines. For *it is* good that **the heart be established by grace**, not with foods which have not profited those who have been occupied with them.

The methods are many for the occupation of our time

- To **blur and distract** the world - - -
- Away from ***Gods amazing message*** of Grace!

There are a lot of different ways

- And things out there
- And people who will try to tell you **how to live**
- And why you should **live that way!!!**

Everyone has and is entitled to **their opinion** you know.

- That's what makes us **Gods most unique** creation -
- The fact that **we all have a will!**

God created us to have a will

- **The accuser**, the one that brings confusion would like nothing better than to **eliminate** a person's will - - -
- And **dictate the way** they should think and act!

That's why there is so much hatred, intolerance and division on display around the World.

- And in our country.
- A house united will stand, a house divided is destined to fall and fail!
- Stop the madness and realize that **God is in control!!!!!!**

'It's so sweet to trust in Jesus' – Old Song

This question was once asked

"If you could choose what you want most in life, what would you ask for?"

- The most common answer was **"Peace."**

People want peace in their marriages, families, workplaces, country and world.

Our country has some of the best medical and psychological treatment centers, highest educational institutions and **worldwide communication abilities.**

Yet with all of these things, most people are yet without true inner peace.

- The statistics are devastating...
- **Broken marriages, split families, hatred, social intolerance, division, rebellion and fear have never been higher.**

They late **Whitney Houston** use to sing a song with these words...

- ***"Didn't we almost have it all - When love was all we had worth giving?"***
- ***The ride with you was worth the fall my friend - Loving you makes life worth living"***

The enemy of our soul would like nothing better than to make us think that we almost have a life worth living, but it's unattainable!

- The **good news** is **Grace** has made a life worth living for us
- And ***it's an obtainable life!***

God's Grace - Has eliminated the chance for fear and failure

- And replaced it with His Abundant life.
- He **has provided** for every man, woman and child - - -
- His grace that brings with it – ***perfect peace!***

God's Word Declares in Hebrews 13:9 - “*it is good that the heart be established by grace.*”

- God came with His **message of Grace** so we could have Peace!

God doesn't want us and has never wanted us to ---

- Be fearful and worried by everything or anything we see on the news
- Or **any challenge** that comes our way.

God wants our hearts to be at rest and established *by His grace*** toward us!**

- That's where and when ***we find inner peace!***
- This too shall pass
- **It's not about** what you can do, **it never has been** about what you can do!

The accuser would like you to think it is all about and *only about your efforts.*****

- It's not about us...
- **It's all about** and will always be about **what Jesus accomplished** on the cross for us!

When you finally come to the realization

- **The only thing** which qualifies you ***to receive God's blessings*** - - -
- **Is faith in the finished work of Christ,**
- **Your heart** becomes established -
- By that ***amazing God given grace*** moment!

And when your heart becomes established by grace -

You'll know and come to the realization

- **You are** both entitled and in the position –
- **To receive** every blessing and benefit **God has promised in scripture!**

At that point you **don't worry** about what you see happening around you -

- Because, ***all the distractions are contrary*** to Gods promise of peace in every situation!

You can and God expects you -

- To walk with full assurance that His blessings will be manifested in your life
- The **abundant life** He has planned for you **is constantly within your reach!**

God wants you to know and realize

- Healing, protection and prosperity ***are yours all the time*** and that they are inexhaustible.

There is one great truth I have learned about life, it is this:

NEVER CRY OVER ANYTHING THAT CAN'T CRY OVER YOU"

John 10:10 CEV

¹⁰ A thief comes only to rob, kill, and destroy. I came so that everyone would have life, and have it in its fullest.

- **The devil will lie, cheat and steal.**
- **He will** tell stories and promise so much **to anyone who will listen.**

But he will never deliver on his promises And will never shed a tear - - -

- Over a soul missing out on the opportunity of the Amazing Grace
- And Gospel message of Jesus, **who was sent to save the world!!!!**

In the time in which we live, **WE MUST NOT** be swayed by what we are ***scared of***
But, **stand on and hold fast** to what we know!

CLOSE:

John 14:1-4 NKJV - The Way, the Truth, and the Life

14 “Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. ²In My Father’s house are many mansions; if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, *there* you may be also. ⁴And where I go you know, and the way you know.”

The accuser likes to think he’s winning the battle

- But **praise God Jesus** already has been Victorious
- And **has defeated** the accuser and all of hell!

The most peaceful feeling one will ever find, **is knowing that through Jesus, we have already won!**

Have heard the old statement that made everybody happy?

“It went something like this **I read the back of the book and we win.**”

Let me change that today I read **the front of the book** and it said **“In the beginning God...”** and **I knew the rest of the story.**

- Whatever He starts, **He will finish.**
- **We can trust** Him for that.

Example 1 (Jesus said let’s go to the other side)

Example 2 (Fiery furnace)

PRAISE TEAM

Help bring someone into the Kingdom of God this week.

- Let them know that **God is in complete control!**
- Help them to **learn to trust Him** for **His promises.**

Keep the faith and **hold on to His promises** in your life.....