

Gospel - Light

"Send out Thy light and Thy truth: let them lead me." Ps. 43:3

«For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation...» (Romans 1:16)

How to handle your troubles and trials...

We're living in perilous times... Life's problems are growing as we journey through this uncertain world of chaos and the threat of terrorism. Christians go to church with their troubles and cares and then often leave, taking their anxieties back home with them...

Some television and radio preachers falsely proclaim that, "unless you're rejoicing all the time, there is something wrong with you! Saying, "There must be sin in your life and/or you're not right with God..."

I take them to Calvary, where we see Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane; «Then saith He unto them, **MY SOUL IS EXCEEDING SORROWFUL, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with Me.** And He went a little further, and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, **O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from Me: nevertheless not as I will, but as Thou wilt**» (Matt 26:38,39). As our sinless Savior was crying in agony, and His sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground" (Luke 22:44), **Christ was not rejoicing!**

Listen, there are times in our lives, when sudden crosses appear and make us cry out in dismay with troubled hearts. You



don't need to have a fake smile plastered on your face all day trying to appear that you're "spiritual". Remember, **it's not sinful to be sad!** So what should we do with our troubles and trials? The Bible says we should be, «**Casting all your care upon Him; for he careth for you**» (1 Peter 5:17).

«CASTING...» - A DELIBERATE ACT

The word casting is a verb, which implies some action is required. The Lord wants us to decisively take our troubles and cares and deposit them with Him. As by faith, we purposely trust God with our problems He will not neglect us. Take time to consider God's omnipotence. Biblical men trusted God, and He was always faithful to care for them. His eye is on the sparrow, and His eye is on you. His eye was on Elijah, and He

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FIND GOD, BEFORE DEATH FINDS YOU

"And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment."
Hebrews 9:27

Our text speaks of two inevitable events: DEATH and JUDGMENT. Some appointments may be postponed temporarily, others indefi-



nately, and a few even cancelled. However, our appointment with DEATH and JUDGMENT will never be postponed nor cancelled. It is definitely determined and cannot be evaded. These two events are the ones man would like most to escape. The certainty of death and the uncertainty of life are the mightiest moral forces acting on man.

The ancient Egyptians were wiser than we. At every feast there was always one extraordinary guest who sat at the head of the table. He ate not, he drank not, he spake not, and he wore a veil. He was a skeleton which they had placed there to warn them that even in their feasting they should REMEMBER there would be an end of life.

We are so fond of living, so sad at the very thought of death that such a reminder as that

would be quite unbearable in our days of feasting. The practical effect of a true meditation upon death would be exceedingly healthful to our spirits.

Thoughts of death would certainly help us to set proper value on things which we here possess. Perhaps they might

lead us to set our affections upon things above and not upon the moldering things below. At any rate, thoughts of death and judgment would keep us in check when we were about to sin.

We have only once to die and the day is fixed. If you "die wrong" the first time, you cannot come back to die better a second time. **If you die without Christ, you cannot come back to be converted and die a believer.** You have but once to die.

Oh, pray that you may find Christ before Death finds you! "After this the judgment" - not "after this purgatory." There is no further opportunity to be saved. "After this the judgment." As death leaves you, so judgment finds you. If you die unsaved, you will be so in the judgment. May I nev-

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Five facts you must face!



Every man is entitled to his opinion. That is his right. But no man has a right to be wrong in his facts. Friend, here are 5 facts you must face. You can ignore them but they will not cease to exist. Truth will always be true and it will always be. You must face these facts!

YOU MUST FACE THE FACT:

LIFE IS SHORT

In the Bible, Methuselah lived to be 969 years old (Genesis 5:27). Yet the Bible says life is like vapor (James 4:14). It appears, then vanishes away. Psalm 90 portrays life as a short sleep passing

quickly (vs. 5); as grass that grows and is cut down (vs 8); as a story told it's soon over (vs. 9). You may live to be 100, but what is that when you stand at the door of death? It is a single grain of sand on the shore of eternity. Your years already are passing too quickly. The days of man are 70 years. If you are 35 years old life is already half over. Who can be sure of tomorrow?

YOU MUST FACE THE FACT:

DEATH IS SURE

The Bible says "It is appointed unto men once to die.." (Hebrews 9:27). Every funeral home, every cemetery with its tomb stones as ghostly fingers pointing to the sky is evidence that death is sure. Death is no respecter of persons. The young and the old, the wise and the simple, the beautiful and the plain, the famous and the unknown, the rich and the poor, the sinner and the saint cannot escape its resistless call. Death for you is as near as a car bumper, the skipped beat of the heart

or even the swarming of malignant cells of cancer. Just as life is short, death is sure.

YOU MUST FACE THE FACT:

OF JUDGMENT TO COME

Again the Bible steadfastly proclaims that after death "comes the judgment" (Hebrews 9:27). That is why men fear death. They know they must face God. The very God they had no time for on earth; the very God whose name they blasphemed; the very God they mocked by breaking His laws will be their final and righteous judge. If there was no God as Judge, death would not bring the fear it does to your soul. But men fear death because the honesty of their soul will not let them forget that they will face God.

YOU MUST FACE THE FACT:

THERE IS A HELL TO FLEE

Some preachers may take Hell out of the pulpit but God has not taken it out of the Bible. You can not lower the temperature of Hell by one degree with your denial

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er see you at the left hand of Christ. If I do, you will remember how I warned you, besought you to come to the Lord Jesus.



An eight-year-old lad was drowning in the muddy waters of the Wabash River. His cry for help attracted a young lawyer who plunged into the water and made the rescue.

Twenty years later that same boy was found guilty of murder and sentenced to die in the electric chair. He ran to the bench and cried, "Judge, Judge, don't you remember me? I'm the boy you saved from drowning in the Wabash River twenty years ago. Surely you wouldn't want me to die NOW." "Young man," said the judge, "that day I was your saviour; this day I am your judge."

Today the Lord Jesus calls, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon

you, and learn of me... For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." But if one refuses to trust Jesus as his Saviour, he will hear those stern words in that awful day: "Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels" (Matthew 25:41).

He is the Saviour today, but He will be the Almighty Judge in that day to come.

On that day all the sinners, kings and great men, rich men and chief captains, the mighty men, bond- men and freemen will come up for inspection, all looking on the throne of judgment and reading there, before yet it be uttered, their eternal condemnation.

All persons of whatever character and whatever antecedents who have rejected the Lord Jesus will be brought under scrutiny. They heard the Gospel and rejected it. Now they are before the judgment bar unpardoned, and all things seem to be pleading against them.

Do you know Christ as your own personal Saviour? Have you ever come to Him in prayer repenting of your sins, and received Him by faith? Ask Him to forgive your sins and trust Him today! **"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth My word, and believeth on Him that sent Me, HATH everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation, but is passed from death unto life." (John 5:24) Do you see that Bible truth?**

— A.H. Woods

Ordinances of Heaven

"Thus saith the LORD; If my covenant be not with day and night, and if I have not appointed the ordinances of heaven and earth; Then will I cast away the seed of Jacob, and David my servant..."—Jeremiah 33:25-26



the return of Halley's Comet (July 28, 2061), prove the orderliness of the universe. If no fixed set of laws governed the movement of everything in the universe, such predictions could not be made.

Are these set rules more than random standards? Can we see God's hand in these celestial certainties? God has in view the covenantal relationship between Himself and His people, and He uses a scientific fact in the analogy. In effect, God says that His fixed universal laws, "the ordinances of heaven and earth," have the same certainty as His promises to His covenant people.

God's laws have governed the universe since its creation — and continue to do so with astounding predictability. So mark your calendar, and be amazed by God's unchanging control.

— Dave Branon

Mark your calendar now if you want to see the next celestial convergence of Venus, Jupiter, and the moon. On November 18, 2052, you'll be able to peer through the evening darkness as those solar system neighbors "gather" in a tiny area of the sky. That remarkable alignment of reflective spheres last sparkled the night sky on December 1, 2008, and it will happen again 4 decades from now.

This predictability, as well as things such as eclipses and

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of its existence. You have not put out a single flickering flame of the Lake of Fire by your foolish jokes of this place of the damned. The Lord God calls this Hell a place of everlasting fire (Mark 9:45); a tormenting day and night forever (Revelation 20:10); a place of separation (2 Thessalonians 1:9). In this place called Hell there will be no church, no preacher, no tracts like this one you are reading and there will be no gospel invitation for you to be saved. You must face this fact of Hell; if not in this life, then certainly in the next.

YOU MUST FACE THE FACT: HEAVEN CAN BE YOURS

Almost 2,000 years ago the Lord Jesus Christ died on the cross for your sins, was buried and rose again the third day. He bore your penalty, He shed His



blood, He paid the price of sin that was yours. He took your place so you could be forgiven

if you repent of your sin and trust Him as your Savior. The Bible says "For God so loved the world that He gave His only Begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Romans 10:13). Friend, face the facts: Life is short, death is sure, Judgment is certain, Hell is real and Heaven can be yours. These are the facts. You must face them someday. May today be the day you ask the Lord Jesus to be your Savior.

If you do not know how to pray you could say something like this in your own words...

"Dear Lord, I do believe that Jesus Christ died for my sins and that God raised Him from the dead. I now repent of my sin trusting Jesus and Him alone to save my soul and take me to Heaven some day!"

— Evangelist: Dan Souza

Credibility

The recent global financial crisis caused people to pay closer attention to their credit report. When credit was easy to get, some people became careless about how they used it. They didn't bother to save for what they wanted; they just borrowed. Being in debt was no big deal. But in a crisis, that is no longer the case. Having good credit is suddenly very important.

After an advertisement for a credit repair service, a local newscaster said, "Credit repair isn't something you can buy; it's something you have to work for."

The same principle applies to the credibility of our lives. We can't buy it; it's something we have to work for. We may be able to "borrow"

credibility for a while by associating ourselves with credible people, but sooner or later we will need our own.

Credibility has to do with the ability to elicit belief. The reason it's essential for Christians is that our lives affect God's reputation.



"Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation" (1 Peter 2:12).

When we call ourselves by Christ's name, His reputation is tied to ours. If people have reason not to believe us, they may not believe God. The way to earn credibility is to live honorably. Then others will believe and glorify God.

— J. Ackerman

HE WILL MAKE YOU...



Early 20th-century residents of Fort Bragg, California, disposed of their trash by throwing it over a cliff and onto a nearby beach. Cans, bottles, tableware, and household garbage accumulated in huge, disgusting piles. Even when residents stopped depositing trash on the beach, it remained an embarrassment—a dump seemingly beyond reclamation.

Over the years, however, wave action broke up the

glass and pottery and washed the rubbish out to sea. The pounding surf rolled and tumbled the glass fragments in the sand on the ocean floor, frosting and smoothing the surface and creating gemlike "sea glass. Beach visitors now stare in wonder!

Perhaps you feel as though your life has become a dump — a mess beyond hope. If so, you need to know that there is someone who loves you and waits to redeem and reclaim you. Give Jesus your heart and ask Him to make you pure and clean. He may tumble you a bit, and it may take time to smooth away the rough edges. But He will never give up on you. He will make you into one of His jewels! **"And they shall be mine, saith the LORD of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels" Malachi 3:17**

— David Roper

Who Cares About Other People?

Do you feel hurt, forgotten, forsaken or perhaps rejected? If so, you may be asking the question, "Does anyone in this whole world care?"

I'm glad to tell you there is One who does indeed care more than you could even imagine. When your last friend has left, your last money is gone, and there is no one left to turn to, you can be well assured that Jesus still cares. In fact, the



Bible says, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world" (Matt. 28:20). It also says, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee" (Heb. 13:5).

He is so concerned about you that he is mindful of even the most minute matter. We are told in the Word of God, "even the very hairs of your head are numbered" (Luke 12:7).

Perhaps you may feel that you have hurt Him too much and now He will not be responsive to you. The Bible assures us, "But God commendeth His love toward us in that while we were yet sin-

ners, Christ died for us". You see, although we were sinners, Christ cared so much for us that He was willing to die on the cross and pay the penalty for our sins. "For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures; and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the Scriptures" (I Cor. 15:3,4).

He loves you so much that He desires you to come to Him today and be saved. "For He saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succored thee: behold now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation" (II Cor. 6:2).

While no one else in this whole world may care about you, Jesus does! He wants to carry your load of heartache and burdens. He calls to you right now, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matt. 11 :28). Jesus wants to help you, He wants to be there for you but He will not step in until you call Him. "Casting all your care upon Him for He careth for you" (I Pet. 5: 7).

The question now is, "Do you care enough to accept what He has done for you?" The Bible tells us, "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Romans 10:13).

Why not pray now and ask the Lord to save your soul? He truly cares and He will comfort your heart!

THE CATCHER

"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" —John 14:3.

Life is a risky enterprise. Sometimes we fly high, enjoying great success. But then suddenly we fall into deep disappointments and the haunting reality of failure, leaving our hearts wondering if there is anything worth looking forward to.

At a funeral recently, the pastor told the story about



a trapeze artist. The performer admitted that although he is seen as the star of the show, the real star is the catcher—the teammate who hangs from another trapeze bar to grab him and guarantee a safe landing. The key, he explained, is trust. With outstretched arms, the flyer must trust that the catcher is ready and able to grab him. Dying is like trusting in God as the catcher. After we have flown through life, we can look forward to God reaching out to catch His followers and to pull us safely to Himself forever. I like that thought.

This reminds me of Jesus' comforting words to His disciples: "Let not your heart be troubled . . . I go to prepare a place for you. And . . . I will come again and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there you may be also" (John 14:1-3).

Life is indeed a risky business, but be encouraged! If you have put your faith in Jesus Christ, the Catcher is waiting at the end to take you safely home.

— Joe Stowell

THE WRONG STUFF

"There is none other name under Heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" —Acts 4:12.

It was a simple task, but I was in over my head. One of the items on the grocery list was soy. Problem was, I didn't know what kind of soy my wife, Sue, had in mind when she made the list. After searching the aisles and asking the advice of a worker who was stacking soup cans, I grabbed a bottle of soy sauce, placed it in the cart, and went on my way.

Only after I unloaded my bags at home did I discover that Sue didn't want soy sauce. She wanted soy milk for our granddaughter Eliana. I was sincere in my search. even asked for help and confidently pulled my selection off the shelf. But it didn't do me (or Eliana) any good. I HAD THE WRONG STUFF!

Sadly, some people are walking through the grocery store of life with "Heaven" on their list, but they are not getting what they need. Despite their sincerity and the intended help of others, they grab something that won't get them to Heaven because they find a "another (DIFFERENT) gospel" (2 Cor. 11:4).

"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me" (John 14:6). And Peter said, "There is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." (Acts 4:12). Trust Jesus. Don't settle for the wrong gospel!

— Dave Branon



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sent the ravens to feed him. His eye was on David, even after his sin with Bathsheba and God took care of him... His eye was on Peter during his denial of Christ, and yet He kept His hand of blessing upon him. His eye is on you in the midst of your troubles and trials! When you have problems, go to Jesus in prayer and turn over your cares to Him, cast your troubles upon the Lord Jesus by faith, believing.

«ALL YOUR CARE» - A DEFINED ANXIETY

As humans, we tend to worry. The Greek word for "care" in our text is also translated worry, and anxiety. Casting ALL..., that's why we find so much instruction in the Bible on trusting Christ with all of our troubles. **«Be careful (anxious) for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God»** (Phil 4:6).

Cares, worries and anxieties torture us mentally. They distract us spiritually as we mentally replay our fears over and over again, like on a "Memorex" loop tape in our minds.

The devil can torment us psychologically like this. We question God.

Like when John the Baptist showed his humanity: after proclaiming that Jesus was the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world, John asked, **«Art thou He that should come? or look we for another?»** (Luke 7:20). The Lord said, «Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist» (Matt 11:11).

In Christ's sermon on the mount He has instructed believers, **«Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things»** (Matt 6:31). Again we find the concept of entrusting all of our daily cares to Him! He loves His children. **«...UPON HIM» - A DIVINE ADVOCATE**

The question arises, to whom should we cast our cares? Many look to psychiatrists, psychologists and government agencies for relief with their various burdens in life. Now to be sure, these all have their place, but Christ should have the preeminence when we need peace from life's storms. Your pastor loves you, but don't cast all your cares upon him, cast them upon Jesus Christ! Pastors can help to a point, but Jesus said, **«Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest»** (Matt 11:28). He is God almighty, sovereign over all, and He cares for you. He has promised to help us with our cares, burdens, worries and fears if we will look to Him. **«Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I**

will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness» (Isa 41:10).

Listen to me, don't try to figure out life's problems... you can't. I have my own list of cares, just as you do. But anything that happens to you or I in this life has a divine purpose. «For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory» (2Cor 4:17). Casting all your care upon who? Who can we go to with our burdens? **«...Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life. And we believe and are sure that Thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God»** (John 6:68,69). Go to God in prayer, and ask Him for His help and strength to endure whatever you are facing.

«... FOR HE CARETH FOR YOU» -

A DEFINITE ASSET

Think about who it is that cares for you. I'm not speaking about just anybody with a shoulder to cry on. **The Omnipotent One, the One who spoke this world into existence out of nothing.** The One who controls every movement of the planets, the stars and universe. **The Lord Jesus Christ cares for you!** That's a tremendous blessing as we pass through this life. Depression settles in on all of us at some time or another. Between the world, the flesh and the devil we find ourselves in stormy waters not knowing what to do. But remember, as life's sea tosses you about, Jesus is with you and He cares. The disciples thought the Lord was neglecting them when «there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full. And He was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awake Him, and say unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish?» Mark 4:37,38). In faithless desperation we too sometimes cry out, "does anybody care?" The LORD always comes and rebukes the winds and waves in our lives, because He careth for you! Family and friends can be wonderful help and support, but no one ever cared for me or you like Jesus. Do you know Him?

Casting is a deliberate act. When you get in a car with another driver, you cast all of your care upon that driver. When you choose to get on an airplane you cast all of your care upon the unseen pilot in the cockpit. When you get in Christ, you cast all of your care upon Him to care for you and get you to Heaven! You cannot have the peace of God until you have made peace with God by receiving Him as your personal Saviour! Let us help you word a prayer.

«Dear Lord, I do believe that Jesus Christ died for my sins and that God raised Him from the dead. I now repent of my sin trusting Jesus and Him alone to save my soul and take me to Heaven some day!»

— Tom Meador

WAS JESUS JUST A GOOD TEACHER OR PROPHET?

People often want to reject Jesus' claim to be God, yet feel compelled to acknowledge Him historically, as a good teacher or prophet.

WHY?— Accepting Jesus as God implies accepting His teaching and prophecy. This makes some people very uncomfortable. After all, people don't want to love, forgive, and pray for their enemies. Nor do they want to humble themselves or become servants. And some people are caught up in a lifestyle that Jesus teaches against. Perhaps such people believe they can justify disobedience if Jesus is not God.

JESUS: A GOOD TEACHER?— Could Jesus be a good teacher if all of His teachings were wrong? The religious teachers scoffed at Jesus' teaching because it often contradicted the multitude of man-made laws that they had added to Scripture. Yet everything Christ said was strictly scripturally based. Today some reject Jesus because His teaching contradicts what they want to do or believe. Jesus' teaching goal was never to be a popular teacher. It was to teach the truth. Jesus also taught that He was God. Was He a good teacher? Or a fool? Or a liar?



JESUS: A GOOD PROPHET?— Today we will call almost anyone a prophet. Correctly predict the score of a soccer game, and someone might call you a prophet -no matter how many times you've failed. People like Nostradamus, Jeane Dixon, and others are all called prophets (by tabloid reporters, etc.) despite the fact that most of their predictions were wrong.

JESUS - MOCKED AS A PROPHET— When Jesus was being tortured by soldiers before crucifixion, they mocked His claim to be God by asking Him to prophesy (Mark 14:65). The soldiers were aware that 100-percent accurate prophecy was considered a sign of God for the Jews.

In biblical times, prophecy in the name of God was considered extremely seriously. In fact, if a prophet made just one prophecy that did not come true, he was put to death by stoning (see Deuteronomy 18:20). So could Jesus be a good prophet and also be wrong? No! He was one or the other. Ironically, many of today's Jewish teachers who cherish Old Testament laws also call Jesus a good prophet-while still rejecting His prophecies (especially His resurrection prophecies). They are contradicting themselves.

WHY ACCEPT JESUS AS GOD?— Some people think

that believing in Jesus and being good are the secret to Heaven. **The Bible says otherwise.** It says that religion, speaking in Jesus' name, and being good are of no value if Jesus doesn't know us through salvation. Knowing Jesus is more than just a belief about Jesus. It means **repenting and accepting Jesus' sacrifice and His claims to be God.**

JESUS SHOWS GOD'S LOVE FOR US— We are all separated from God by imperfection. Even the most righteous people have had unholy thoughts considered sinful by God (see Matthew 5:28). Since God is perfect and holy, His requirement for an eternal, heavenly relationship with Him is perfection that no human can ever offer. So God provided an alternative method to rejoin us with Himself through one perfect sacrifice, forgiving all of our imperfections. The only way for God to have such a perfect sacrifice was for God to fulfill it Himself.

By sending His Spirit into Mary (Luke 1:35), God essentially came to earth in human form as Jesus, to be sacrificed and show His love for mankind (see John 3:16). To fully appreciate God's love, we need to be aware of the excruciating pain and humility Jesus willingly suffered for many who hated (or now hate) Him.

REJECTING JESUS SHOWS OUR DISDAIN FOR GOD— Jesus can be rejected in two ways: (1) By a decision to reject Him or (2) by simply not accepting Him. Knowing about Jesus, even believing the gospel story, is not accepting Him nor showing love for God. Even demons and Satan believe the gospel (see Mark 5:6-17). Love for God means acceptance of Jesus. It means turning our lives over to Him for guidance. The word used in the Bible for "believe" (as in John 3:16) literally means to trust, or have faith in. This means more than intellectual knowledge. Imagine the disdain we show God by not accepting His very precious and loving sacrifice.

ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION IS FOR ETERNITY— The Bible frequently reveals God's judgment. This does not conflict with God's love and forgiveness, most emphatically shown through the sacrifice of His Son. But it does reveal that God is just. In the end, the Bible clearly states that there will be an eternal separation of those who trusted Jesus as God, and those who didn't!

GOD'S UNACCEPTED GIFT— Imagine sending your only child to deliver a gift to show forgiveness to an enemy. Imagine knowing that your child would die painfully while delivering it. Now suppose that person never opened the gift never accepting forgiveness. Why not choose to ACCEPT and be with GOD forever?

— Ralph O. Muncaster

GOD Will Deliver you from Fear and Trouble

Psalm 34 In this 34th Psalm, we find 3 things from which the Lord will deliver his people. God says that He will deliver them from all FEARS, and will deliver them out of all troubles, also out of all afflictions.

Now, let's examine these three things from which God has promised to deliver us First, the Word says in Psalm 34, verse 4, "I sought the Lord, and he heard me, and delivered me from ALL my fears." The first thing the Psalmist did was to seek the Lord and we find that there were two direct results.

First, the Lord heard; second, the **Lord delivered from ALL fears.** We have never seen a time in all of history when men are so fearful as today. Daily, as we read our local news papers, we see where many people, are dying from heart attacks. Whether you realize it or not, there is but one cause for the great increase in deaths from heart attacks and that is because of continual FEAR in the hearts and minds of people. In Luke 21, 26; the Word says, "**Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.**"

There is but one way to remove that fear from our hearts and that way is to seek the Lord and realize that He has promised to hear and to deliver us from ALL our fears. I want you to especially notice that little three letter word ALL. God means just that.

No doubt, today, there are mother's whose hearts are filled with fear for their sons in the military service; many wives are worried about that husband; oh, let me invite you to seek the Lord and claim the promise that He will hear and will deliver from all your fears. You may say, "but I cannot help but fear for the safety of my boy or my husband..." How true that is! It is only natural that we worry about them; and until you turn them over to the Lord, you "will" worry about them. But why not just turn them over to

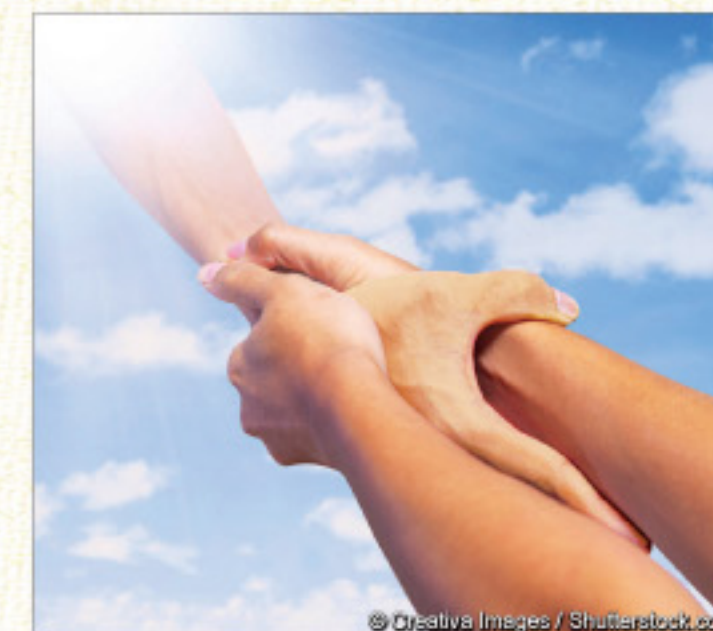
the Lord knowing that He is able to keep and to protect. When you commit them into the hands of Jesus then you can pray, sincerely, "Not my will but Thine be done."

There is a second thing that God has promised to deliver us from. He says in verse 17, "**The righteous cry and the Lord heareth and delivereth them out of all their troubles.**" Once more we see that little word "all". Surely, today, man's troubles are many but again we have the promise that if we will ask, seek, and knock the Lord will deliver. I do not know what the troubles may be, maybe domestic troubles, or physical troubles or even spiritual troubles but whatever the case might be, the promise is still good, that the Lord will deliver.

Now for the third thing, in this Psalm, that the Lord has promised to deliver us from. In verse 19, the Word says, "**Many are the afflictions of the righteous; but the Lord delivereth him out of them ALL.**" Once again,

notice that little word "ALL". Let me say just a word to our "Shut-in friends" (sick at home), Today, many of you are afflicted, you are sick and many times you wonder why God has sent this thing to you. Maybe you love God and you have served Him for many years! Well, there are some things that we cannot understand; but, thank God, whether I understand it or not, I believe God's Word, don't you? Please remember that He has promised to deliver you from ALL your afflictions. **Trust the Lord, He is able to do it in His own time and manner.**

In closing; let me urge each one of you, in these dark days of the end time when men are filled with fear and when our troubles and afflictions are pressing down upon us; to trust in the Lord, knowing that He loves us and He is able to keep and to protect all of us. "**Casting all your care upon Him; for He careth for you**" (1 Peter 5:7). — Dr. Harold Sighler



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