



Mighty in the Word

For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness;
But unto us which are saved it is the power of God" (1 Cor. 1.18).

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Fear Not: I Have Redeemed Thee

How do we walk in trusting the Lord with our lives each step we take? Oh, to have the faith of those who have gone before us, all through the centuries! The Lord spoke to Abraham in a vision saying, "Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield." God spoke to Hagar those same words, Fear not. God spoke to His people all through the Bible, the Old Testament and the New Testament: "Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called [thee] by thy name; thou [art] mine (Isa 43.1).

The Lord God continues saying to those Whom He has redeemed, "Fear not." When the Lord calls His people to walk on, to walk in and with Him, the Lord goes before us in all that we do.

I think of the prophet, Jeremiah, who suffered much from the King and the people for going forth in the Lord speaking the truth, come what may. **Fear not!**

I think of Isaiah who went forth in the Lord, and, of whom we read, was sawn asunder by King Manasseh, the vilest of all. **Fear not!**

I think of Daniel and Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego who were also called to stand for the Lord, come what may – and, how Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were thrown into the fiery furnace because of their love for the Lord. **Fear not!**

I think of Paul who would stand before Caesar and all that he endured for the Lord. **Fear not!**

I think of young Joseph who was sold by his own brothers and put up for hire as a slave, then later being erroneously thrown into prison, falsely accused and could say to those who brought great harm upon him, **Fear not!**

I think about where we are with the Lord Jesus Christ in this nation, how many are oblivious to the Word of the Lord appropriate for these times. I think of how oblivious those who say they know Jesus – or is that Jesus of which other religions say they have a Jesus, the cults who try to identify with Christianity and do so successfully because most do not recognize them because the world is too busy playing with their plastic and do not have any knowledge of what the Word of the Lord says – and could not care, are not concerned for their soul.

It is written in the Holy Bible that the day will come, perhaps is here now, that family will not stand together in the Lord (Mt 10.35). Remember James, and Stephen who were killed for their love for Jesus and many more (Acts 12.2; 7.59), as well as the apostles that were beaten (Acts 5.40) and many Christians all through history to include today? **Fear not!**

Where do we stand when the persecutions come because we love the Lord Jesus Christ and are walking with the Lord? Where do we stand when our family and friends turn on us because we are not walking the way of the world, walking in sin with them? Where do we stand when we lose all our friends because of endeavoring to live according to the Holy Bible? Where do we stand when many say all manner of evil against us falsely (Mt 5.11)? Where do we stand when those whom we thought were are closest friend and family members stand against us?

Fear not: for I have redeemed thee,
I have called [thee] by thy name;
thou [art] mine (Isa 43.1b).

Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great [is] your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you (Mt 5.12).

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Come apart and rest (Mark 6.31).

Unto this day they do after the former manners: **they fear not the LORD, neither do they after their statutes, or after their ordinances, or after the law and commandment which the LORD commanded the children of Jacob, whom he named Israel;** (II K 17:34)

Oh, how like those in II Kings 17 is this nation. read this chapter carefully, esp v 33.

The words of the prophet, Isaiah, (43.1-7) are profound and are for those who are walking on the Highway of Holiness (Isa 35).

But now thus saith the LORD that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, **Fear not:** for I have redeemed thee, I have called [thee] by thy name; thou [art] mine. When thou passest through the waters, I [will be] with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee; when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.

For I [am] the LORD thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour: I gave Egypt [for] thy ransom, Ethiopia and Seba for thee.

Since thou wast precious in my sight, thou hast been honourable, and I have loved thee: therefore will I give men for thee, and people for thy life.

Fear not: for I [am] with thee: I will bring thy seed from the east, and gather thee from the west;

I will say to the north, Give up; and to the south, Keep not back: bring my sons from far, and my daughters from the ends of the earth;

[Even] every one that is called by my name: for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him (Isa 43.1-7).

The Lord God created us for His glory, and we have mocked Him by walking in disobedience, by walking with the world, and the gods of this world (see insert for the passage of scripture that reveals the straight-forward truth.) The Lord loves us so much that He gave His only Begotten Son to die on a cruel cross, the Cross of Calvary, for our sins that we might be forgiven – if we repent. Repent is an hundred eighty degree turn, a turning away from sin, from the world that is led by the enemy, Satan, seeking whom he may devour, and turning to the Lord Jesus Christ to live a life of holiness unto Him.

Too many are living a life of goodliness, believing that is all that is necessary. Just live like and think like everyone else, so it is said. Isaiah 30.21 gives to us this command: "This is the way, walk ye in it;" it is walking the *Via Dolorosa, The Way of the Cross* as is given to us in the New Testament in several places. It is leaving all to follow Jesus. It is following Him. It is walking on the narrow road. Many are walking on the broad road that leads to destruction. Satan has a way of inviting people to look upon that road, to see who all is going that way. People are so often led by the majority, taking notice of where most people are walking believing that the majority rules, that they are right – as that is what the world is teaching and has been for years. People are easily seduced to the wicked ways believing they are goodly ways, and if the majority is walking that way, it must be right.

Oh, open the Word of the Lord, and ask for an insatiable hunger for the Lord Jesus Christ and His Holy Word, that you might know Jesus Christ Who is "The way, the

truth, and the life." Jesus says, "I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep" (Jn 10.11).

You cannot serve two masters, the Holy Bible teaches. Every step you take away from the Lord, takes you deeper into the chasm. There will be a point where you will no longer even think that one day you will turn your life around and follow Jesus. There comes a time when you lose the desire to know Jesus Christ, to live for Him.

Those who know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, think on these things. Look for the body of Christ where Jesus is exalted and glorified in worship according to the Holy Bible. Look for those who have not sold out to the *square buildings* of using songs of the world that share not the Gospel of Jesus Christ, that mock the Lord and His crucifixion in a way that many do not recognize as mockery – but draw you into the music and cause you not to care about the words. Look for where the Bible is preached under the anointing of the Holy Spirit and goes forth in power to touch your life and bring you under submission to the Lord Jesus Christ. Look for those who come together to pray, seek the face of the Lord in their daily lives, seeking to live a life of holiness – and **Fear not!**

Perhaps Acts Two is a good place to begin in searching what it is to seek the face of the Lord in your life. Oh, what would it have been like to be with the primitive church (the Church in the New Testament) where there was such hunger for the Lord? And what would it have been like to have been with the Church in the Wilderness (Acts 7.38)? Oh, to be with a people who are hungry for more and more of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Then I am profoundly touched by the Persecuted Church that has been all through the centuries – even in our times, though few care or know what is going on by those who have surrendered their all to Jesus Christ.

And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.

And all that believed were together, and had all things common;

And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all *[men]*, as every man had need.

And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart,

Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved (Acts 2.42-47).

These were a people who hungered for more and more of Jesus and experienced miracles from the Lord. They were not looking for signs and wonders as people do today, and receive whatever came through Satan and call it God. These people came together daily in the temple to be fed the Word of the Lord. The believers came together continuing steadfastly in the Word, Breaking of Bread and Prayers.