

*“The LORD will give strength unto his people; the LORD will bless his people with peace.” Psalm 29:11 KJV*



The chaos of the world that surrounds us is worsening every day. The headlines are full of this threat or another. Each day brings news of some new act of violence perpetrated against innocents or some disaster or war happening in some part of the globe. Is it any wonder, considering that Satan is the “*god of this world*” and wants nothing better than to annihilate men? He uses unbelievers to destroy unbelievers; who have nothing to combat the lust of their flesh and the evil influences that surround them. Depression, despair, greed, avarice, and lust overpower and consume them unless they cry to the Saviour for salvation. Believers are given the blessed gift of peace. They can stand calm though “*ten thousand fall*” beside them. They can rest secure in the knowledge that the right hand of Jehovah upholds them, and the mighty angels guard them. God sent angels with flaming swords to protect the prophet when the king sent an army to kill him. “*And one of his servants said, ‘None, my lord, O king, but Elisha, the prophet that is in Israel, telleth the king of Israel the words that thou speakest in thy bedchamber.’ And he said, ‘Go and spy where he is, that I may send and fetch him.’ And it was told him, saying, ‘Behold, he is in Dothan.’ Therefore sent he thither horses, and chariots, and a great host: and they came by night, and compassed the city about. And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, ‘Alas, my master! How shall we do?’ And he answered, ‘Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them.’ And Elisha prayed, and said, ‘LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see.’ And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.*” There are many stories of God’s protection in the lives of believers all over the world. Impossible situations are miraculously resolved when men kneel and pray. The KING still sits on the throne! We are told to come boldly to ask for help “*in time of need.*” His eye never “*sleeps or slumbers.*” His power is omnipotent. He knows the end from the beginning. His name is “*Jehovahjireh,*” because He is able to provide abundantly “*above all that we could ask or think.*” His plan is perfect and still on track. The chaos of men does not threaten the sovereignty of God. His Word will do that which He sent it to perform. It may seem that evil men are in control, but realize this; all power comes from God. Even Satan’s power is God-given, and what God gives He can take away. “*The most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever He will.*” The mightiest kings of the earth who have thought to challenge the Almighty are now lifting up their eyes in the place of torment prepared for the devil and his angels. God said, “*I will not give my glory unto another.*” Men pridefully lift themselves up at their own peril, not comprehending that “*the Lord giveth, and the Lord taketh away.*”

The peace of God within the soul,  
Will keep the saint completely whole,  
They need not fret what men may do,  
For God will guide them safely through. ~CGP

We have the witness of the Holy Spirit within assuring us that we are the sons of God, and if sons, then “*heirs according to the promise.*” We can rest peacefully during the night, because we have been promised the gift of “*peace that passeth all understanding*” by our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

*“Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.” John 14:27 KJV*