

*"So shall they fear the Name of the LORD from the west, and His glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him." *Isaiah 59:19 KJV**

Whenever the US flag is raised, true patriots feel a tear welling up from within their hearts. It's just a simple piece of cloth woven with colors, but it stands forever a reminder of past loyalties and sacrifice. It caresses the coffins of our fallen, and unflinchingly waves in our battles. When an enemy sees its colors flying, they flee. It's not the colors that strike fear into his heart; it's all the power of whom they represent. The flag of Switzerland strikes no fear into an enemy, because they do not have military force, nor do they have a history of conquering. If you raised a Nazi flag, it would represent the deadly reprisals to



any who dared to oppose it. The US flag is either loved, or hated and feared. Oh, they'll burn the flag and brandish their fists and yell, but they run behind women's skirts and hide in caves when the US mounts an offensive. Devils defy, cretins cry foul, and unbelievers deny God's Word, but when the Word of God goes forth, they will flee before it, hiding their faces in terror. *"Let all the earth fear the LORD: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him. For He spake, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast."* One day, even the mountains will flee in fear of that Standard. *"And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the Temple of Heaven, from the Throne, saying, 'It is done.' And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found."* Evil always seeks the dark. *"Men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil."* Darkness is the playground of wickedness. When the Light of Truth comes on the scene, the wicked scatter like so many cockroaches! A landowner lived at the top of a steep mountain. A narrow road was the only approach to his property. He advertised for a carriage driver and two men responded. He asked this question. "How close to the edge of the road do you think you can come and still recover?" One responded quickly. "Oh, I could probably get within a foot of the edge!" The other thought for a minute and said, "I really don't think I'm that good, I'd probably have to drive as close to the mountain as I could." The landowner said, "You're hired!" We don't need to see how close to sin we can get, we need to fear it and cling to the Rock of God's Word through obedience to avoid pitching into the dark crevasse of sin! *"Sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death."*

God's Standard flies and devils flee,
The faithful saint is worry free,
I trust His Word, He cares for me,
I'm just as safe as safe can be. ~CGP

We need to rally around the Standard of God's Word, stay in the camp, and keep away from the dark where the enemy lurks! The Standard is feared, because of whom it represents! Faith is the staff that holds the Standard aloft. Faith is *"the evidence of things not seen."* Is the standard of God's Word flying boldly from the staff of your faith?

*"For the Word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." *Hebrews 4:12 KJV**