

“Fret Not Thyself Because Of Evil Men, neither be thou envious at the wicked; For there shall be no reward to the evil man; the candle of the wicked shall be put out.” Proverbs 24:19-20 KJV



What is it that troubles your soul, today? What circumstance or evil invades your tranquility and calm? When we fret and worry we are by our very thoughts deceived into

trusting in our own abilities and denying the ever-present Jehovah-God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob! Our emotions and feelings are so fickle they toss us around like a paper boat on a stormy sea and leave us devastated and in despair! But like Peter, when sinking in the storm of Galilee, we must abandon all trust in self and cry as he did, *“Lord save me!”* For it is in the Lord Jesus alone we find our Deliverance from the fears of life! Jesus said, *“Without Me ye can do nothing. 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. Come unto Me all ye that labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest.”* Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in Him; and He shall bring it to pass. Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He Shall Direct thy paths.” Peter wanted to go to Jesus, but found his own efforts insufficient to the task. His only hope was to cry for help, but when he did, *“immediately Jesus Stretched forth His Hand, and caught him. The Salvation of the Righteous is of the LORD: He is their Strength in the time of trouble.”* The winds of circumstance will always whip the waves of our emotions into a frenzied tempest that blocks our view, but we must remember our first desire was to walk with the Saviour and that our ability to go to Him rests in trusting His Power while doing His bidding. And if we find ourselves sinking in the storm, we need only cry out, *“Lord save me!”* as we did at the very first!

The Lord Who bids us “Come” to Him,
Will Strengthen us from deep within,
And His Own Word, if truly sought,
Will Bring our fears and foes to naught! –CGP

Always remember that God and His Word are One. It is through faith alone we are *“more than conquerors. And this is the Victory that overcometh the world; even our Faith. Faith cometh by hearing...the Word of God, and that not of yourselves; it is the Gift of God.”* The proof of faith is the love of God and the desire to obey His Word. Obedience is the evidence of faith. *“Now Faith is the Substance of things Hoped for, the Evidence of things NOT seen.”* We can walk calmly and confidently on the stormy sea of life if we walk obediently in the Word with Jesus! He bids whosoever will, *“Come!”*

“Lift up your eyes on high, and behold Who hath Created these things, that Bringeth out their host by number: He Calleth them all by names by the Greatness of His Might, for that He is Strong in Power; not one faileth. Hast thou not known? Hast thou not heard, that the Everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? There is no searching of His Understanding. He Giveth Power to the faint; and to them that have no might He Increaseth strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.” Isaiah 40:26, 28-31 KJV