

"Be [care-full] for NOTHING; but in every thing by prayer and supplication WITH THANKSGIVING let your requests be made known unto God. And the Peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus (God's Word made flesh)." Philippians 4:6-7 KJV

In the midst of the chaos around us, it's easy to fret and be concerned. However, the faithful believer need not be dismayed for God will not leave *"the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread."* We are forever protected, because *"our life is HID IN CHRIST with God."* Should persecution come our way, remember Heaven, *"for...the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us."* We have given God our eternal souls for safekeeping, so be *"persuaded that He is able to keep that...committed unto Him against that Day. Being confident of this very thing; that He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the Day of Jesus Christ. Casting ALL your care upon Him, for He careth for you!"* Faithfully obey, because God is caring for all our needs just as



He promised. My parents, missionaries for 30+ years, had no retirement funds or insurance, and when health issues forced them to return to the US, they didn't have two nickels to rub together! But God provided gated community housing for the remainder of their years, expensive health care provided free of charge, and funeral expenses including burial plots! God took care of His own! I'm sure, knowing my parents, they fretted a bit about such things, but there was no need, for they served the Sovereign of Eternity! I was eyewitness to heavenly provision and protection: A family of five children in the Amazon jungle, and we never missed a meal and always had clothing and shelter! Sad to say, us children didn't stray from God until we got back to good ole "Christian" USA! The "land of plenty" pleased piety right out of us! Fun took the place of Joy and pleasure took the place of Peace. We were better off in the Amazon rainforest! Of five children raised righteously, one is a drunkard, one died of obesity, another died in prison; rending heartbreak, I'm sure, to Godly parents! My sister and I turned back to the God of our mother and father, *but we all knew better!* Eyewitnesses to God at work yet fun and pleasure lured us away as easily as moths to a flame! Have you been lured away from God? Become so dulled by sin you no longer hear the Holy Spirit's Voice? If you have no peace, you have not the Prince of Peace! Those totally at peace in the tempest of life have the ultimate happiness! I have learned; *"Great Peace have they which love Thy Law, and NOTHING shall offend them!"*

This world is full of care and strife,
But there's a cure for such a life,
Trust, obey, and fret for naught,
Our cares need not a single thought. ~CGP

You can't obey what you don't know, and ignorance of God's Law will be NO EXCUSE on Judgment Day! Prayer is no substitute for obedience or daily meditation in God's Word, but why worry when you can pray?

"But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask Him." Matthew 6:7-8 KJV