

*“And who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good? But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye: and **be not afraid** of their terror, neither be troubled.” 1 Peter 3:13-14 KJV*



Worry is fear and filled with imagined worst-case-scenarios! Satan cannot read your mind, but like anyone, he can read your face and body language. He has had over 6000 years to fine tune his craft and he is adept at slipping the innocuous suggestion into your thoughts. We hardly ever think of a thought as being from Satan, but if any thought in any way, shape, or form defies God's Word, it is a lie from hell! *“For though we walk in the flesh (exist in the physical realm), we do not war after the flesh: For the weapons of our warfare are NOT carnal (physical), but mighty through God (The Word) to the pulling down of strong holds (lusts); Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity EVERY THOUGHT to the obedience of Christ. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers (Satan and his angels) of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places (ungodly men). Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with Truth, and having on the Breastplate of Righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the Gospel of Peace; Above all, taking the Shield of Faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the Helmet of Salvation, and the Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God: Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit.”* If you don't read, study, and know God's Word, you have absolutely no Truth in your thoughts and although God speaks Truth to your soul, you will not know it as His Voice, and you will remain in the bondage of fear and doubt! If you think, Dear Believer, that you are not part of the conflict, then Satan has defeated you already! If all your worries are about earthly things and possessions, you need to immerse yourself in God's Word and make it your moment by moment meditation and strength. You cannot believe what you do not know and you cannot know what you have never seen! *“Faith cometh by hearing”* God's Word! Without it, you'll have no faith and *“without faith it is impossible to please God!”* You worry because you do not believe and you do not believe because you do not know God's Voice in your soul! I affirm and attest to the very fact that God can be heard in your soul (mind) and spirit if you are prepared to listen! However, if you do not obey the simplest commands to *“meditate therein day and night [and] pray without ceasing,”* how can you ever expect to defeat doubt and despair in your life? Our Sword is *“the Word of God!”* And by its power faith becomes *“the victory that overcomes the world!”* Without faith you are at the mercy of every satanic whisper and *“fiery dart”* thrown!

Oh fear thou not the devil's lance,
Nor dread the evil happenstance,
With shield of faith as thy defence,
God will command each circumstance! -CGP

The faithful only doubt and fret when they forsake God's Word! Let God's Word and its bulwarks ease your fear. You cannot withstand the enemy without God's Word. cannot lose when God is with you!

“What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?” Romans 8:31-32 KJV