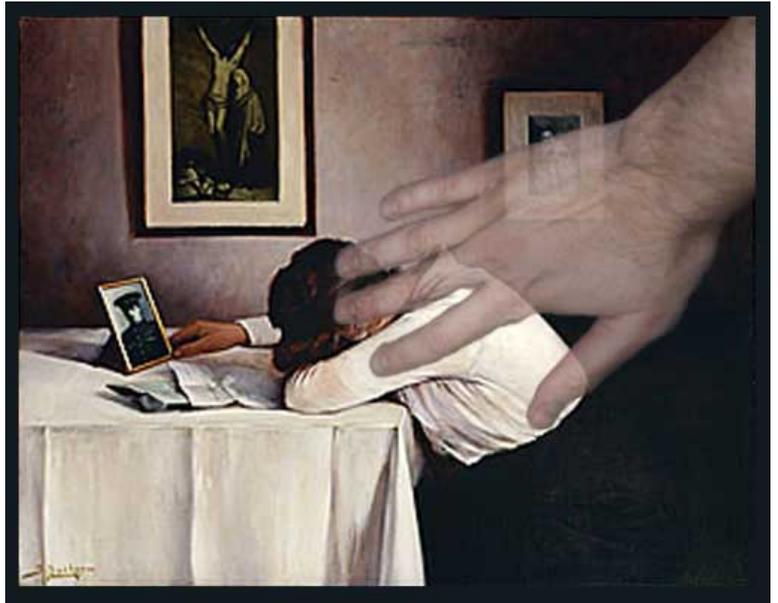


*“Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time: Casting ALL Your Care Upon Him; for He careth for you.” 1 Peter 5:6-7 KJV*



“Will I find a good parking space? What will the doctor say? How will I pay my bills? What should I fix for supper? How can I lose weight? What will so and so think? It broke! What will I do? I don’t have enough money!” All our worrying and fretting about circumstances is actually the assumption on our part that we can somehow do more than God. In essence it is pride. Pride assumes it can better handle or knows more than God about the sea of circumstance threatening us. Our pride stands between us and God’s Provision. Humility must precede the trust required to leave

our worries and woes in God’s care. If I cannot turn over my despair to the “mighty hand of God” it is because I do not trust Him! Unbelief bars us from the “peace that passeth all understanding” acquired only by complete dependence on God through faith. “Seek ye **FIRST** the Kingdom of God, and His Righteousness (obey His Word); and all these things shall be added unto you.” If we’re not seeking the Righteousness of God “which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all **THEM THAT BELIEVE**,” it means we don’t believe what God’s Word which plainly tells us; “God shall supply all your need **ACCORDING TO HIS RICHES** in Glory by Christ Jesus. I can do all things through Christ (God’s Word) which strengtheneth me. He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. Surely He shall deliver thee.” What is more secret than thought? Are not thoughts unspoken words? Are not letters written thoughts? God’s Word is His written thought and is “the secret place” of God! I cannot love what I do not trust! “Great peace have they which LOVE Thy Law and **NOTHING** shall offend them.” Casting ALL your care on God requires the humility of spirit that says, “I must decrease, but He must increase.” How does that actually happen? It happens through our priority of focus; unceasing prayer and meditation upon God’s Word. By letting the “mind of Christ...the Word of God...the Truth...dwell in us (that is our thoughts) richly. 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.” This cannot and will not happen if we only give God an hour a day and spend the rest of the day thinking of material pursuits. Just because I’m driving to work doesn’t mean I can’t meditate on God’s Word and pray. If you can drive, eat, listen to the radio, and talk on the phone while watching traffic, you can pray and think on God’s Word. If you choose to watch TV in your leisure time instead of spending time with God, you just made a statement about your love for God! If you have a hard time reading, you can get free MP3 downloads from the internet of Scripture to which you only have to listen; but do it with your Bible open so you can pause the audio if a passage catches your attention. Faith is directly proportional to how much of God’s Word is hidden in the heart, that is, kept in our thoughts. “Faith cometh by...the Word of God. The entrance of Thy Word giveth Light and Understanding to the simple. Thy Word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against Thee.” God’s Word is “the mind of Christ.” God’s Word will keep you from sin, make you wise, multiply your faith, or sin will keep you simple and faithless! The KJV Bible is written in plain English. If you don’t know it, it’s your own fault. No pastor or priest has any more understanding than you. In my opinion, Seminary corrupts more thinking than it cures! Read and study God’s Word on your own and “ye shall know the Truth and the Truth shall **MAKE** you free! Thy Word is Truth.”

My care and woe and deep despair,  
Will ever want to keep me there;  
But if I trust in God by faith,  
My ev’ry burden He will take! –CGP

An old Sunday school chorus comes to mind.

Why worry when you can pray?  
Trust Jesus: He'll be your stay!  
Don't be so broken hearted!  
Trust fully in His promise!  
Why worry, worry; worry, worry, when you can pray?

Praying is just talking to God. Prayer need only be a thought for God knows them all. And that's the Truth! "*O LORD, Thou hast searched me, and known me. Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, Thou understandest my thought afar off. Thou compasses my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways. For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O LORD, Thou knowest it altogether.*" The "Peace of God" can only rule where the Word of God lives!

*"And let the Peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly in all Wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with Grace in your hearts to the Lord."*  
*Colossians 3:15-16 KJV*