**THOU ART MY HOPE IN THE DAY OF EVIL**

**(Jer.17:17)**

**PUTTING OUR TRUST IN THE LORD!**

It’s obvious to all of us that we are living in a time of great fear and anxiety. People are worried and afraid. It’s surely a time of uncertainty. We question – How long O Lord? As we look into tomorrow, we wonder about the future – what does it hold? What will we face in these uncharted waters as we wait our Lord’s return? It looks dark and gloomy. The news is always bad and it keeps getting worse! So, I want to ask us all – “What do we Children of God do when this world is sinking all around us in chaos?” The sinner and the ungodly have no hope, no one to take their troubles to, nobody to turn to give them peace for their soul. The lamp of the wicked shall soon go out and the hypocrite’s hope shall perish. So, while millions of souls are lost and groping in darkness – what does God’s children, (the Righteous) do? We put our Trust and Hope in the true, living, unfailing God!!

**Ps. 40:4** – Blessed is the man that maketh the Lord his Trust.

**Ps. 84:12** – O Lord of host, Blessed is the man that trusteth in thee!

**Jer 17:5** ¶ Thus saith the LORD; Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the LORD.

 **6** - For he shall be like the heath in the desert, and shall not see when good cometh; but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land and not inhabited.

 **7** - Blessed is the man that trusteth in the LORD, and whose hope the LORD is.

 **8** - For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit.

God says in **verse 5** – Cursed be the man that trusteth in man and maketh flesh his arm. We must realize we are totally helpless without God. In these last days and troublesome times, we cannot trust in ourselves, we can’t put our trust in the government, but we SURE can put our Trust in the Lord who is faithful and never fails! We must realize more and more that our total dependence is upon God every moment we live. We can’t do anything without Him. We can’t save ourselves, We are helpless and hopeless without His presence and His grace and mercy to keep us!

God warned His people in **Isaiah 31** not to go down to Egypt for help. He said Woe to them that do. Woe means trouble and sorrow. Egypt is a type of the world. Don’t rely on their horses nor trust in their chariots though they be many nor in their horsemen because they are strong; but ye have not looked unto (Me) the Holy One of Israel, and neither will ye seek me. Don’t seek to strengthen yourself in the strength of Pharoah. Though he be a powerful leader, he’s only a mortal man. God said – **Isaiah 31:3** – Now (remember) the Egyptians are men and not God and their horses flesh and not spirit.

Notice **Verse 6** in Jeremiah above: That person that departs from the Lord and puts their trust in man and the arm of flesh is like a Heath in the desert that shall not see when good cometh. They inhabit the parched (dry) places in the wilderness in a salt land. (The Heath is a tree that grows south of the Dead Sea. Heath in the Hebrew means bare, naked and destitute. It is a naked tree that grows in inaccessible waste areas in the lonely crags of rocky places. It grows neither fruit or seeds and was never used by Israel for religious purposes.) O God, don’t let out hearts depart from you in this critical time!

God is saying to us His Children in this final hour – “Don’t look to this world for your Hope, it will let you down. This world and its governments cannot help nor save you. They don’t have your answer – But I am the Lord, your only true Hope and Help. Look to me children, I Am still your Saviour and Keeper. People and their leaders may fail but I will not! I am your deliverer, your soul provider and need supplier.”

This writer realizes that I cannot go out nor come in without Him. My own wisdom is not good enough. My own strength is insufficient. Without Him we will fail. If I lean upon the arm of flesh in these last days, I will not make it nor be able to stand. I must acknowledge Him in everything I do. **Prov. 3:5** – Trust in the Lord with All thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. **6** – In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy paths. If there was ever a time that we must be totally led by the Spirit, it is now! We must look to Him to make the right decisions and do the right things. Stay in God’s Holy infallible Word and pray everything through till you get an answer!!

Thank God I can say – “It’s Him that saved me, it’s Him that keeps me. I cannot fight my own battles – I can’t send the sunshine or the rain; I can’t fill my meal barrel with earths golden grain; I can’t touch my hurting body nor can I relieve its stress and pain; if I planned my own future – it would all surely be in vain. But I Trust in Him who is eternal, I hold to His guiding Hand; I know He’ll lead and keep me for I walk in His sweet command! If I keep on trusting and believing I’ll one day reach Heaven’s golden strand.”

I’m here to tell you in this Newsletter that God is Faithful and He will take care of His own who Trust and serve Him!! **Pro. 29:25** – He that putteth his Trust in the Lord shall be safe.

Look at **Verse 7** - Blessed is the man that Trusteth in the LORD, and whose Hope the LORD is.

When God uses the word Blessed, it means Happy and Prosperous and to be envied is the man that Trusts and has Hope in the Lord! It means that person is Glad and joyful because they know they have God and their Hope is in Him! When you really know something, then you are confident, and when you are confident, you’ve got a deep down assurance inside that no matter what comes or what goes, the Lord will keep and take care of you! **Heb 1:10** - And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands: **11** - They shall perish; but thou remainest; and they all shall wax old as doth a garment; **12** - And as a vesture shalt thou fold them up, and they shall be changed: but Thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail. Life in this world is full of changes - temporal things down here wear out, things break down with earthly decay but the **Word** of the Lord endureth forever: our God will not and cannot fail. His mercies endure forever. His compassions fail not – they are new every morning. Great is thy Faithfulness O God! The Lord is my portion saith my soul; therefore will I Hope in Him. The Lord is good unto them that wait for Him, to the soul that seeketh Him!

Oh how the times have changed! Things change, people have changed, they have deviated from the old fashion way. Nations and their leaders have changed, this world’s governments are now so different! There’s been a paradigm shift, the old has been replaced with the new – new philosophies, a new way of thinking that has pushed God out. They don’t want the God of creation anymore – they have traded Him for science and technology. In their worldly wisdom, they no longer know or want the Lord and His salvation. It’s surely not the same world I grew up in. It’s so diverse now days that it’s not even recognizable. But the Word of God – our Holy Bible still declares – “I Am the Lord thy God, I change not. Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today and forever!!” In this modern world and godless society, God’s true born-again, blood bought children are no longer wanting to be here. Each day now, we are longing more and more to go to our eternal Home in Heaven. We are surely citizens of a Heavenly country. We are just waiting for our ride. Even so, come Lord Jesus, we long to see you and be with you in a land where there is no night, for God’s Son will be the Light! Peace will flow like a river, the joys there will never end. Happy faces will glow in the presence of God as the redeemed sing His praises through the endless ages! Won’t it be wonderful there, having no burdens to bear, joyously singing, with heart bells all ringing, O won’t it be wonderful there!

Look now at **Verse 8** in our key verse in Jeremiah above: For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be Careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit.

Look around you, it’s obvious to see that we are living in a dry time. This world is surely experiencing major spiritual drought in this world because of man’s sin. But don’t ever forget that there is a river that still flows – and it makes Glad the Children of God. There is a Fountain of Living Water that shall never run dry. God’s wells run deep and the water there is pure, it is satisfying and full of Life. With joy shall ye draw water out of God’s wells of Salvation! The waters are invigorating, they’ll cause you to sing and rejoice in Hope. It will spring up from deep within your soul. **But** we are going to have to dig deep, we must go deeper Child of God, in this hour to draw from this nether spring. It will be a matter of life and death. We will not survive, will not endure in these dry hard times unless we tap into these waters daily and drink of its life-giving flow! These living waters are only found in God’s Holy infallible Word. Within the lids of your Bible this crystal River flows. Deep within the Sacred Scriptures, you will discover God’s Well as you read and meditate in them. It will take a dedicated prayer life on your knees to find this water to make and keep you strong. If you don’t drink, you don’t live. God is looking for faithfulness and commitment and when He sees it in you, He will bless you and you will bear fruit. You’ll never have to be careful (worried) in the year of drought when heat cometh, but you will remain green and unfading!! THANK GOD!

If you are Righteous and serving the Lord, paying your tithes as God blesses and provides, then He will Keep you. His promises and benefits you can claim.

GOD’S PROMISES TO THEM WHO

LOVE AND SERVE HIM

**Ps 5:11** But let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them: let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee. **12** For thou, LORD, wilt bless the righteous; with favour wilt thou compass him as with a shield.

**Ps 34:8** O taste and see that the LORD is good: Blessed is the man that Trusteth in him. **9** - O fear the LORD, ye his saints: for there is no want (lack) to them that fear him. **10** - The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the LORD shall not want (do without) any good thing. **15** - The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry.

 Do you know the secret of conquering your fears in these last days and have peace of mind? Take the Word of God and build your faith on God’s promises. This is the only way to do battle when the enemy comes in like a flood. **Isa 26:3** - Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee. **4** - Trust ye in the LORD forever: for in the LORD JEHOVAH is everlasting strength: I encourage all my readers in the days ahead to lay all the bad news that you are reading, hearing and listening to aside and take the precious Word of God, find His promises – read them, pray them, quote them and you will find a settled Faith rising in your Heart that you will know that you know that God is with you and He’ll take care of you! By this, the enemy of your soul will not be able to drag you down with fear, dread or discouragement. The devil works with fear but God gives Peace!

 Let not the Word of God depart from thine eyes. Keep them in the midst of thine heart, for they are life unto those that find them and health to all their flesh. **Pr 3:25** Be not afraid of sudden fear, neither of the desolation of the wicked, when it cometh.

 **26** - For the LORD shall be thy confidence, and shall keep thy foot from being taken.

The curse of the Lord is in the house of the wicked, but He blesseth the habitation of the just. As the whirlwind passeth, so is the wicked no more, but the righteous is an everlasting foundation. The Hope of the Righteous shall be Gladness! There shall no evil happen to the just – they shall come out of trouble. The wicked are overthrown and are not, but the house of the Righteous shall stand. Evil pursueth sinners: but to the Righteous – good shall be repaid. In the house of the Righteous is much treasure. **Ps 37:1** -Fret not thyself because of evildoers, **2** - For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb. **3** - Trust in the LORD, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed. **4** - Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. **5** - Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass. **7** - Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for him. **18** - The LORD knoweth the days of the upright: and their inheritance shall be for ever.

 **19** - They shall not be ashamed in the evil time: and in the days of famine they shall be satisfied. **25** – David the Psalmist that wrote the twenty third psalm, when he was an old man, looked way back to his younger days and said – “I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.” **28** - For the LORD loveth judgment, and forsaketh not his saints; they are preserved for ever: **34** - Wait on the LORD, and keep his way, and he shall exalt thee to inherit the land: **39** - But the salvation of the righteous is of the LORD: he is their Strength in the time of trouble.

 **40** - And the LORD shall help them, and deliver them: he shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, because they **Trust** in him.

 I want to say to each of my readers whom I love and write to every month, put your Trust in God, not in man or government. The Lord knoweth them that are His and He will take care of His own that are in this world. He knows right where you are. Take this Newsletter, read it carefully, take the promises of God in it and stand on them. Keep your eyes on the Lord and His Word, not the media, for He is Coming Soon!! **Ps. 34:22** – The Lord redeemeth the soul of His servants: and none of them that Trust in Him shall be desolate. Be strong, don’t waver, hold on to your Faith for God is faithful that promised. Jesus said – Lo I Am with you even to the End of the World!! May God Bless each of you my dear readers!