

Fear Not Part 3

God's Word is continually bringing more comfort and assurance to us and to the rest of His people who had set their hearts to follow God and walk in accordance to His ways. God's Word encourage His people to continue to seek Him, trusting Him and obeying all His decrees and commands because all His promises are true and will come forth sure. Therefore we will continue to study the Scriptures in this message and got encouraged with the statement, ***"Fear not"***, from the Lord.

16. "7 Hearken unto me, ye that know righteousness, the people in whose heart is my law; fear ye not the reproach of men, neither be ye afraid of their revilings. 8 For the moth shall eat them up like a garment, and the worm shall eat them like wool: but my righteousness shall be for ever, and my salvation from generation to generation." (Isaiah 51:7-8 KJV) God is encouraging His people who are obedient to His commands and who had taken His law in their hearts. He is telling to all of us who fear Him and obey Him, not to be afraid or be ashamed of what the people are saying badly about us. God will sure deal with them and give to them what is due for them of shame and disgrace. God will prove to those who oppose us and ridicule us that our choice to follow Him and live our lives for Him is the correct decision. ***"4 Fear not; for thou shalt not be ashamed: neither be thou confounded; for thou shalt not be put to shame: for thou shalt forget the shame of thy youth, and shalt not remember the reproach of thy widowhood any more." (Isaiah 54:4 KJV)*** May be at the time being we are suffering and persecuted because we are living in Godliness, ***"12 Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution." (2 Timothy 3:12 KJV)*** But the Lord will work it out wonderfully for our behalf and He will take us out from this current suffering and bring us out from reproach and will fill us with joy, ***"5 For thy Maker is thine husband; the LORD of hosts is his name; and thy Redeemer the Holy One of Israel; The God of the whole earth shall he be called." (Isaiah 54:5 KJV)*** Therefore, ***"21 Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice: for the LORD will do great things. 22 Be not afraid, ye beasts of the field: for the pastures of the wilderness do spring, for the tree beareth her fruit, the fig tree and the vine do yield their strength. 23 Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month. 24 And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. 25 And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you. 26 And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you: and my people shall never be ashamed. 27 And ye shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the LORD your God, and none else: and my people shall never be ashamed." (Joel 2:21-27 KJV)*** The Lord finally will restore His people and reward them for their perseverance in repentance and willingness to suffer for the sake of Christ.

17. "13 And who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good? 14 But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye: and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled; 15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:" (1 Peter 3:13-15 KJV) Do not be afraid if you had already decided to obey God and walk in His ways. Do not be afraid if you had done what is right and correct. Fear not, no one

can harm you, and the Lord today is strengthening you with His Word so that you will continue to serve Him and live your life unto Him, ***"7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." (2 Timothy 1:7 KJV)***

18. "12 Then said he unto me, Fear not, Daniel: for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and to chasten thyself before thy God, thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words. 13 But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia. 14 Now I am come to make thee understand what shall befall thy people in the latter days: for yet the vision is for many days." (Daniel 10:12-14 KJV) Daniel was led by the Holy Spirit and instructed with God's Word to pray and fast and to humble down to gain understanding and wisdom. The Lord moved on Daniel's behalf but the Devil opposed that. Therefore the Lord encouraging message to Daniel was, ***"Fear not, Daniel", "O man greatly beloved, fear not: peace be unto thee, be strong, yea, be strong." (Daniel 10:19 KJV)*** The same for you today if you are seeking God and willing to follow Him, and Devil is opposing you then the message in your hand is to encourage you to go on and continue to stand firm because God's aid is on the way to help you and relief you.

19. "28 And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. 29 Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father. 30 But the very hairs of your head are all numbered." (Matthew 10:28-30 KJV) As Jesus was sending out His disciples He foresaw the opposition and the persecution that they would face in their service to God. So He encouraged them not to be afraid from people who would oppose them and threaten them, rather to fear God more and continue to serve Him. ***"4 And I say unto you my friends, Be not afraid of them that kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. 5 But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: Fear him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear him. 6 Are not five sparrows sold for two farthings, and not one of them is forgotten before God? 7 But even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not therefore: ye are of more value than many sparrows." (Luke 12:4-7 KJV)***

20. "4 Yet now be strong, O Zerubbabel, saith the LORD; and be strong, O Joshua, son of Josedech, the high priest; and be strong, all ye people of the land, saith the LORD, and work: for I am with you, saith the LORD of hosts: 5 According to the word that I covenanted with you when ye came out of Egypt, so my spirit remaineth among you: fear ye not." (Haggai 2:4-5 KJV) While the people of God after returning back from exile started to rebuild the temple of God in Jerusalem, the Lord encouraged them; He encouraged their king Zerubbabel, their high priest and the rest of the people so they will go on in their service and the temple of God will be rebuilt and finished. The same for you today as you continue to serve God and ahead of you lot of goals to achieve and you ought to finish these tasks, the Lord is here to help you and to uphold you with His Word to be true builder for a great ministry and for His glory.

21. "20 But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost." (Matthew 1:20 KJV) Joseph was in the planning process and for preparation for marriage with Mary the mother of Jesus. The Bible tells us the following: ***"18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his***

mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. 19 Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily.” (Matthew 1:18-19 KJV) So Joseph was perplexed of what to do with Mary and how to handle the situation. There was only one thing came to his mind was to divorce her because nothing acceptable for Joseph can explain why she was pregnant. While he was wondering what to do, the Lord spoke to Him in a dream and the voice of God came to Joseph, “*saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife*”, and the Lord explained to him from His Word that what Mary was passing through, the Word of God confirm as it is written in the book of Isaiah, “*22 Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, 23 Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.” (Matthew 1:22-23 KJV)* Joseph was passing through something that is extraordinary for man but the Lord explained that adequately for him and assured him and removed all his fear. The Lord gave Him more insight about the mission of Jesus and what His purpose in the people’s lives as He told Joseph, “*21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.” (Matthew 1:21 KJV)*

The same for us today the Lord can assure us and interfere in the most perplexed moments of our lives and explain things to us; that what is going on is according to His will and plan. We have therefore God’s provision and as the following:

A. The Holy Spirit: The Lord will come and speak to us and assure us that He is in control and behind all the events of our lives, “*4 Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice. 5 Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand.” (Philippians 4:4-5)* Let us trust in God; as the Lord went and spoke to Joseph and assured him, He will do the same with us because The Lord is near.

B. The Word of God: The Lord will confirm what He will speak to us from His Word. God will not speak out of His Word. As when He spoke with Joseph He gave him the Word that speaks exactly about the condition that He was passing through. That is why we need to continue to read the Bible, because in the Bible is God’s Word that we need to read and hear Him speaking to us through His Word.

The Holy Spirit and the Word of God are the two things that the Lord will always use to reach us and comfort us and assure us and to direct us to continue to walk in the right way. Even through dream or visions, or through people the same principles God will use.

22. “13 But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John.” (Luke 1:13) Zechariah the priest was another person the Lord comforted and assured. “*8 And it came to pass, that while he executed the priest's office before God in the order of his course, 9 According to the custom of the priest's office, his lot was to burn incense when he went into the temple of the Lord. 10 And the whole multitude of the people were praying without at the time of incense. 11 And there appeared unto him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense. 12 And when Zacharias saw him, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him. 13 But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John.” (Luke 1:8-*

13 KJV) Zechariah was afraid when he saw the angel thinking that God was not pleased with His service and ministry. But the Lord assured him that God had heard His prayer and granted his desire with son whom he will call his name John. Not only that, but the angel added the following: “*14 And thou shalt have joy and gladness; and many shall rejoice at his birth. 15 For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb. 16 And many of the children of Israel shall he turn to the Lord their God. 17 And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.” (Luke 1:14-17 KJV)* What a wonderful answered prayer, not only God is giving him a son but a great man of God, who will serve the Lord and will go with the same spirit of Elijah.

Sometimes you are overwhelmed with fears and doubts but the Lord is faithful He is coming to you in times of being low, depressed and daunted and encourage you with answered prayers. So don’t doubt God and don’t be pessimistic, the Lord can do and sure will do wonderful and great things for you.

23. “8 And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. 9 And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. 10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. 11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. 12 And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.” (Luke 2:8-12 KJV) Poor shepherds watching the whole night for their sheep in the open field, the Lord comforted them with the good news of Jesus’ birth, the Savior of the whole universe; the time had come for them to be comforted and well rewarded and got relieved from their suffering. The good news of the Savior gave them the strength and the stamina to go and to see Jesus and to tell others about Him. In the same way, when you receive Jesus in your life, your Savior from sin and from death, then the power of Satan will be broken out from your life, and all your fears will be gone and you will be at peace and comforted as you allow Jesus to be your Lord that He will lead you in His ways and in His will and will prepare you to be ready that when He will come you will go with us to Heaven with Jesus.

24. “1 In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre. 2 And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it. 3 His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow: 4 And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men. 5 And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. 6 He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. 7 And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you.” (Matthew 28:1-7 KJV) The women who came to visit the tomb of Jesus, they were full of fear and sadness but the Lord comforted them with the good news of Jesus’ resurrection from death. That good news and the encouragement they received motivated them to go on and preach the good news of Jesus’ resurrection to others and to the rest of the world, and that

continued until this day and will continue until Jesus will come and take us to Heaven and to the end.

My dear and beloved: “32 Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.” (Luke 12:32) The Lord encourages His church that perseveres and stands firm to live His Word and do His will and plans. Yes, **“Fear not”**, the Kingdom of God is for us, **this is God's Word that He keep encourage us with and keep upholding us with His grace to go on in our lives to do His work and to live His will. I pray that this message is great encouragement to you trusting Him that He is beside you; He will neither leave you nor forsake you. Therefore commit yourself fully to God, to serve Him and to live your life for Him.**

Let us pray ...

My prayer: Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins and rose from the dead to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for the encouraging Word that revived me and directed me to continue to obey you and do the works that you want me to do. Lord thank you for the salvation and the eternal life we received from Jesus. Thank you for the place that you prepared for us in Heaven and that you will come and take us to be with you and forever. Lord thank you for your Word and the Holy Spirit that bring to us your Rhema Word to direct us in our lives.

Repent and renounce all your sins. Repent of all your fears, doubts and worries. Repent of your lack of faith and lack of trust in God. Repent of your non willingness to do the works of God and the task that He entrusted to you to do. Repent of your lack of evangelism and bringing others to Christ. Repent of your worldliness and the love for material things. Repent of your lust, immoralities, and the rest of the works of the flesh. Repent of your fear of man and the lack of the fear in God. Repent being yoked with non believers and with the Media. Repent of your lack of reading God's Word in the Bible and your lack of prayers. Lord I repent and renounce the following sins _____.

Lord I commit myself to serve you wholeheartedly and to continue in doing the tasks that you entrusted to me. Lord I commit myself to work with you to build up your church, to go and evangelize and make new disciples and use my spiritual gifts to edify your church. Lord increase my faith in you. Lord I commit to you this situation _____, Lord explain it to me and help me to solve it. Give me Lord good health and the needed strength to achieve that, and fill me with joy and the Holy Spirit as I go on and live my life for you, this is my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.

Lord, thank you for my Brothers and Sisters who repented and had committed their lives to serve you and to do your will and the task that you had entrusted to them to do. Lord fill them with the Holy Spirit and give them the spiritual gifts that they need to go and serve you. Lord make them fruit bearers, service providers and good testimony to others to go and serve you. Lord protect them, provide all their needs, and reward them for all their sacrifices so they will continue to serve you.

Lord bless us as your church, help us to continue to spread your Word and to encourage others and motivate them to go on and serve you. Lord protect us from persecution and from those

who are working with Satan. Lord deliver us from them. We come against all the works of Satan and we cast it out from the life of our brethren and from the life of our church in the name of Jesus. Lord refill us with the Holy Spirit and give us the spiritual gifts that we need in our lives to go on and evangelize, and make new disciples and train new workers to go and plant more Bible studies and congregations for the church. Lord we pray for more workers to come and join the church. Lord we pray for revival and that you will bring the backsliders back to the church. Lord we pray for more people to get water baptized and receive the Holy Spirit baptism. Lord prepare us for your coming to go with you when you come. Lord fulfill the vision of the church, 'Multiplication in peace with implementing the whole will of God.' Lord bless us, enlarge our territory, let your hand be with us and free us from harm so that we will not feel pain. May the grace of the Lord Jesus and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all in Jesus name, Amen.

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