

## **NO FEAR OF THE FUTURE**

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Watching the news and listening to all the media commentaries, I, for one, get extremely depressed. It appears that all these commentators and talking heads are all reading from the same dark script. No matter how one slices it, the ultimate bottom line according to them is, we are all close to falling off the cliff and into the bottomless pit of irretrievable destruction.

These prophets of doom return day after day with gloomier, more despairing news than the day before. It appears that if nuclear bombs or wild-eyed terrorists fail to finish us off then an economic collapse that returns our civilization to the Dark Ages will do us in.

It is little wonder that sales of anti-depressants are at an all time high and that so many people, even many Christians, are gripped by worry and embraced by despair.

Whatever one's take on these dark reports and assessments maybe, it is most apparent we are living in perilous times. Now, where have we heard that term before? Oh yes, it's II Timothy 3:1 where Paul writes "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come."

### **ALAS, WHAT TO DO?**

While it is an absolute fact that our nation and world face historically unprecedented crises that seem insurmountable it is equally true that those who know Christ have supernatural resources upon which to draw. Witness King David, who in times of national and personal danger turned to God for answers. He repeatedly writes in the Psalms of his despair and helplessness. Therein, he clearly reveals that with confidence in God and His Word that no crises, no problem and no situation was beyond the redemptive reach of God's hand. David deals with every problem, whether it was an economic, military, family or national crisis by relying upon "Thus saith the Lord."

You may say, "Oh, but David never faced the kind of problems I face."

The truth is David wrestled with pain with pain so deep it almost killed him. On one occasion, Absalom, his own son, tried to kill him. Then Absalom, who he loved beyond words, gets killed. David also went into the deepest pits of despair over crippling guilt caused by his own immorality and murdering of his own friend. Further, his children's godlessness flooded him with despair. And all these matters are but the tip of the iceberg of David's traumas and depression.

And yet, through it all, he knew the only hope of sanity and the only escape from his darkest days was to turn to God. It was there he found peace, joy, hope and a release from fear.

David discovered all sufficiency in how God reveals His plan, His hope and His deliverance through His Word.

## **A MONUMENTAL REVELATION**

It has been said that the most monumental statement of the total sufficiency of God's Word to meet every need in our lives is found in Psalm 19. In verses 7:14 we find the mother lode of truths that answers the pressing questions, "To whom shall we go?" when crisis is pending.

It is no waste of space to print these life-changing verses here. David wrote, ***"The law of the Lord is perfect, restoring the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.***

***The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes. The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever. The judgments of the Lord are true, they are righteous altogether.***

***They are more desirable than gold, yes, than much find gold, sweeter also than the honey and the honeycomb. Moreover by them, Thy servant is warned, in keeping them is great reward.***

***Who can discern his errors? Acquit me of hidden faults. Also keep back Thy servant from presumptuous sins. Let them not rule over me. Then I shall be blameless and I shall be acquitted of great transgressions. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my rock and Redeemer." (Psalm 19:7-14)***

Wow! What a statement! David identifies the Word of God as "The law of the Lord, the testimony of the Lord, the precepts of the Lord, the commandments of the Lord, the fear of the Lord, and the judgments of the Lord."

Every single one of these six statements highlights the all encompassing character of the Word of God and how each of them will affect our lives if we only embrace them.

This is the point; the scripture embodies all that is necessary to meet one's needs in every kind of situation. The Word of God holds the solution to every problem, the answer to every question, the supply for every need, and the peace to face any and all crises one may encounter in life.

## **WHAT'S BETTER THAN GOLD?**

No one can miss the current bombardment of ads demanding we all rush out and buy as much gold as possible. We are assured it alone can protect us from the coming collapse of civilization.

But there is something far more enduring and, by far more valuable.

David concludes his Psalm 19 masterpiece by saying, God's Word is "more desirable than gold, yes, than MUCH FINE GOLD." (vs. 10)

He is saying, the Word of God is infinitely more valuable than anything this universe has to offer us. He declares that the scripture is absolutely sufficient for every need in life and that within its pages we find the solution and supply to any and all things that our experiences in this life may demand. It is no wonder David wrote, "It's sweeter than honey and the honeycomb."

How tragic that the majority of Christians take their Bibles for granted and how most people's Bibles are little more than leather accessories that they may or may not lug to church on Sunday. Few realize the horrendous price that has been paid by millions of godly martyrs down through the centuries to protect and preserve the Word of God.

### **AS PROPHECY UNFOLDS**

In this New Year it is a certainty that our nation and our families will face the increasing "birth pains" as our world "groans" in agony for the return of its Creator and King.

In the pending complex set of circumstances that are certain to challenge our survival, our singular but absolute hope lies in us leaning upon God's Word for our comfort and our supply.

I urge you to lose yourself in the Word of God. Discover all of His glorious promises to meet every need you have. We must, "Trust in the Lord and lean not to you own understanding." We must abandon ourselves to the truths and provisions of His Word.

David also wrote, "I have been young and I have been old but I have never seen the righteous forsaken or His seed begging for bread."

Lastly, I urge you to invest all you can, not into human schemes promising economic salvation. Put your money into souls, into spreading God's Word and changing lives.

That, my dearest friend, is the only sure investment that will protect and prosper your personal economy and give you hope for a glorious future regardless of what comes. That is the only investment with a promise of abundant returns that keep on giving both now and into eternity.