

## **Be Fearless and Faithful** (*Letter to Smyrna*)

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### **Revelation 2:8-11**

8 And unto the angel of the church in Smyrna write; These things saith the first and the last, which was dead, and is alive;

9 **I KNOW THY WORKS, AND TRIBULATION, AND POVERTY**, (but thou art rich) and I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan.

10 **FEAR NONE OF THOSE THINGS WHICH THOU SHALT SUFFER**: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: **BE THOU FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH**, and **I WILL GIVE THEE A CROWN OF LIFE**.

11 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.

### **Psalm 27**

A Psalm of David.

1 **The LORD is my light and my salvation; WHOM SHALL I FEAR? The LORD is the strength of my life; OF WHOM SHALL I BE AFRAID?**

2 When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, They stumbled and fell.

3 Though an host should encamp against me, **MY HEART SHALL NOT FEAR**: Though war should rise against me, **IN THIS WILL I BE CONFIDENT**.

4 **One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; That I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple.**

5 **FOR IN THE TIME OF TROUBLE HE SHALL HIDE ME IN HIS PAVILION**: **IN THE SECRET OF HIS TABERNACLE SHALL HE HIDE ME**; He shall set me up upon a rock.

6 And now shall mine head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me: Therefore will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy; I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the LORD.

7 Hear, O LORD, when I cry with my voice: Have mercy also upon me, and answer me.

8 **WHEN THOU SAIDST, SEEK YE MY FACE; MY HEART SAID UNTO THEE, Thy face, LORD, will I seek.**

9 Hide not thy face far from me; Put not thy servant away in anger: Thou hast been my help; leave me not, Neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.

10 **When my father and my mother forsake me, Then the LORD will take me up.**

11 Teach me thy way, O LORD, And lead me in a plain path, because of mine enemies.

12 Deliver me not over unto the will of mine enemies: For false witnesses are risen up against me, and such as breathe out cruelty.

13 I had fainted, unless I had believed To see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

14 **WAIT ON THE LORD: BE OF GOOD COURAGE, AND HE SHALL STRENGTHEN THINE HEART: WAIT, I SAY, ON THE LORD.**

### **SEEKING AND STAYING IN GOD'S PRESENCE:**

- *Surrounds us with divine protection.*
- *Gives peace greater than the circumstances, emotions and mind.*

### Acts 7:54-60

54 When they heard these things, they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed on him with their teeth.

55 **But he, BEING FULL OF THE HOLY GHOST, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God,**

56 And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God.

57 Then they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord,

58 And cast him out of the city, and stoned him: and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was Saul.

59 And they stoned Stephen, **CALLING UPON GOD**, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.

60 And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, **LORD, LAY NOT THIS SIN TO THEIR CHARGE**. And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

### 2 Kings 6:15-17

15 And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do?

16 And he answered, Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them.

17 And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, **THE MOUNTAIN WAS FULL OF HORSES AND CHARIOTS OF FIRE ROUND ABOUT ELISHA**.

### Psalms 91

1 He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

2 **I WILL SAY OF THE LORD, HE IS MY REFUGE AND MY FORTRESS:** My God; in him will I trust.

3 Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, And from the noisome pestilence.

4 He shall cover thee with his feathers, And under his wings shalt thou trust: His truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

5 Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; Nor for the arrow that flieth by day;

6 Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; Nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.

7 A thousand shall fall at thy side, And ten thousand at thy right hand; But it shall not come nigh thee.

8 Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold And see the reward of the wicked.

9 **BECAUSE THOU HAST MADE THE LORD, WHICH IS MY REFUGE, EVEN THE MOST HIGH, THY HABITATION;**

10 **THERE SHALL NO EVIL BEFALL THEE, Neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.**

11 **FOR HE SHALL GIVE HIS ANGELS CHARGE OVER THEE, TO KEEP THEE IN ALL THY WAYS.**

12 They shall bear thee up in their hands, Lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

13 Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: The young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.

14 Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.

15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him.

16 With long life will I satisfy him, And shew him my salvation.