



Frightened Generation needs God

Isaiah 41:10 -- "Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; ye I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness."

It is doubtful if there has been a generation as frightened as ours about the unfathomable present and the unknown future. Many of our fears which prevent happiness and lower our efficiency can be traced to self interest.

There has never been a time when God's children needed the encouragement, support, and comfort of the words, FEAR THOU NOT, more than we needed them today. If we will only appropriate these challenging words, we shall be sheltered by HIS omnipotence and provided for by HIS immeasurable and unfailing love. Note the five promises in the text:

1. I AM WITH THEE

These encouraging words derive their value from the one who spoke them. HE has never made a promise that has not been or will not be fulfilled. GOD's PRESENCE cheers and inspires us with fearfulness. Our circumstances and surroundings may seem dark and discouraging, but we are safe because GOD is with us. HE is fully able to cope with any situation, regardless of how serious it may be.

Most of life's perplexing problems will vanish because God is with us. The assurance of HIS PRESENCE sustains us in our struggles, afflictions, and trials. It is good to know GOD is with HIS children in the midst of their great enterprises, unusual responsibilities, and strenuous labors, imparting to them a joy and peace which surpass all understanding.

2. I AM THY GOD

I AM THY GOD may be translated to read, LOOK AROUND YOU, meaning - do not focus your eyes upon your environment. If you look around you today you will see trouble on every hand and be made to wonder what will happen to you tomorrow.

I AM THY GOD implies the infinitude of HIS love and the unspeakableness of HIS mercy. Is HE your GOD? On our part these words, I AM THY GOD, imply reverence, submission, and obedience. On GOD'S part they imply guardianship and blessings. GOD takes special care of HIS own. They are always safe because HE is with them. In HIM are all the resources they shall ever need.

3. I WILL STRENGTHEN THEE

All who have believed in Christ as their Saviour certainly have a right to claim this glorious promise. It is encouraging to know we shall never be in a position where God, who is adequate for all circumstances and emergencies, will not strengthen us. HE will infuse strength into our fearful hearts.

4. I WILL HELP THEE

GOD'S PROMISE suggests that we have something to do and that GOD will help us do it. It speaks of cooperation in a glorious task. This promise means I WILL RENDER THEE PERSONAL ASSISTANCE. GOD is willing and able to give us all the help we shall need.

5. I WILL UPHOLD THEE WITH THE RIGHT HAND OF MY RIGHTEOUSNESS

The grasp of the right hand signifies presence and close friendship. The right hand is an emblem of power and in this verse it signifies the omnipotent power of ALMIGHTY GOD. God will never fail to uphold HIS own. HIS STRENGTH is sufficient for all of our needs.

THE ETERNAL GOD IS THY REFUGE, AND UNDERNEATH ARE EVERLASTING ARMS

One wonders if there is any encouragement to surpass that which is contained in these five GLORIOUS PROMISES of GOD to HIS children who appropriate and apply them.

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