## **PROMISES AND ENCOURAGEMENT**

### "They Can't Stop Our Rain," ML #128:4–6, 8–11, 13, 19–20, 22, 28, DB4

4. (PROPHECY:) "FOOLISH ARE THOSE WHO STAND AGAINST THEE, FOR MIGHTY IS THY POWER BY THE HAND OF GOD. They shall fail, but thou shalt prosper! Every weapon that is formed against thee shall not prosper, but THOU shalt prosper & be mighty above all the kings on the face of the Earth, & I shall rebuke many kings for thy sake, for I am with thee & do prosper thee & shall be with thee in all these things. And they shall be blown away as the chaff of the Summer wind & burned as that which is cast in the fire, for thou art Mine Anointed King, & thy children, the City I have chosen, & THY CHILDREN SHALL BE AS THE SANDS OF THE SEA & the stars of the Heavens innumerable which I have promised to My Servant Abraham, of whom thou art the fulfillment of all time & prophecy spoken, for I am with thee & cannot fail, & I am thy Savior & I shall redeem all men through thee & thy children. Otherwise, I would cast it forth, but for thy sake, I will save those upon which thou wilt have mercy & will curse those thou wouldst curse! For I will be with thee & prosper thee in whatsoever way thou takest! For I am thy Father & thy God & thy Savior, & there is none other beside Me, & I am pleased to dwell with whomsoever I choose, that they may be called the Children of God! For thou art the PEACEMAKERS OF THIS EARTH & except they recognize Me as their King & their Prince of Peace, they shall have no Peace! For I am the Lord thy God & thou art the Children of God!

5. "SO SHALL THE FOLLOWERS OF DAVID BE NUMBERED by not thousands or tens of thousands, but by the millions, as those that follow the Lord their God! ... I shall dispose of those that stand up against thee & thy power, because I AM WITH THEE & THOU ART MY CHILDREN & I do love thee with an everlasting love!

6. "AND ALL THOSE THAT DO LIFT EVEN A FINGER AGAINST ONE OF THE HAIRS OF THY HEAD SHALL PERISH, for I am thy God & the Lord thy God! For I the Lord thy God am with the House of David!

8. "THEREFORE, FEAR NOT, FOR I AM THY GOD & THY TESTIMONY & THY PEACE & THY GREAT FORTRESS round about thee which is in the Heavenlies which no human power can touch, which is above all earthly powers & none can stand against thee, for I am thy God & thou art My Children, & they are but specks & shall be blown away!

9. "BE NOT AFRAID, FOR I AM THY GOD!--I will strengthen thee, yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of My Righteousness! Therefore, heed not these devices which come of that little punk Satan!--But rather, listen unto Me & I will lead thee & I will guide thee & thou shalt be counted as Kings of David if thou shalt obey; & thou shalt be a great power on the Earth & kings shall bow before thee as I have spoken, & THY ENEMIES SHALL BE AS DUST UNDER THY FEET!

10. "FEAR NOT THEREFORE, THAT WHICH SHALL COME UPON THEE! For I shall turn it unto thy good! Every device of Man shall be turned back upon his own head & ... that which is written shall serve thee, & many people shall hear of thee & I shall show them I am with thee & none shall dare touch thee except by My permission!

11. "THEREFORE, HOW SHALT THOU FAIL, FOR I AM WITH THEE & SHALL NEVER FAIL & shall be with thee unto the end! So fear not, but go forth & fight thou the battles of the Lord, for it is impossible that thou shall lose or that thou shouldst fail!

13. "FEAR NOT, MY LITTLE ONES! FEAR NOT, LITTLE FLOCK, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give unto you not only the Kingdom, but many kingdoms & all nations on the Earth, for they shall all fall down before thee & honor Me as the King of all Kings!

19. "FEAR NOT THE THINGS WHICH RISE AGAINST THEE, for all the forces of the Devil shall be as chaff which the wind driveth away, & all the ridiculous little pieces of trash which rise against thee shall be blown away by the Spirit of God! For I am with thee & none shall stand against the power I have given thee!

20. "FOR ... THIS IS THE NATION I HAVE CHOSEN TO HONOR & the people I have picked to exalt My Name, & this is the Children I have chosen for My progeny & these indeed are the people I have chosen which were no people & which were despised on the face of the Earth & led as lambs to the slaughter!

22. "YE SHALL BE KINGS & PRIESTS UNTO ME & RULE & REIGN WITH ME WITH A ROD OF IRON, & ALL NATIONS SHALL FALL BEFORE THEE & WORSHIP AT THY FEET & say: 'Surely thy God is with thee! Give us thy favor & forgive us our sins & seek for us mercy before the Lord that He may forgive us & give us bread & rain upon our land'--for the Lord is with thee & thou art the king of all kings & thou art the favorite of all women, for thou art indeed THE BRIDE OF ALL BRIDES & the beauty of the Husbandman--the Bride that He doth favor--& I will slay all those that rise against her! For THIS IS THE NATION WHEREIN I HAVE DESIRED TO PLACE MY NAME & this is the people I spake of through all the Prophets of all times!

28. "Behold, the drops of water fall from Heaven to bless My land to refresh it! And then there are those who will stand up against it! How ridiculous!" (Dad sees a picture of people holding up their hands against Heaven trying to stop the rain, like we are the rain of God--the Latter Rain of God refreshing the Earth--but there are those who would try to stop the rain!) Their TRYING TO STOP US IS AS FOOLISH AS THEIR TRYING TO STOP THE RAIN! What can they do? They can only stop a few drops of God's great shower!

### "Fret Not," ML #317B:1, 13–17, 19–24, 28, DB6

 (Dad:) SOME OF YOU HAVE BEEN CONCERNED ABOUT A RIPPLE OF RECENT SO-CALLED "BAD" PUBLICITY.

13. DON'T WORRY ABOUT THE ATTACKS OF YOUR ENEMIES, MUCH LESS THEIR LIES & their insinuations & a little "bad" publicity from their smear campaigns! They will eventually reap what they sow sooner or later, & God will take care of them in His Own time & way when He's finished with them in using them to help keep us in the news & on our toes!

14. AS THE ACTOR'S AGENT SAID, "THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS 'BAD' PUBLICITY!"--Whatever God wants to use to keep US in the NEWS & His MESSAGE before the PUBLIC is HIS business!--He knows BEST!--Amen?

15. JUST BE SURE YOU KNOW IT ISN'T TRUE & YOU DON'T BELIEVE THE DEVIL'S LIES YOURSELF, because you know from your own personal experience & observation that the Enemy's own fabrications just aren't so! Because you know good & well that if any of these things were TRUE & he could PROVE them, he'd do more than LIE about them!

16. IF THEY REALLY HAD ANYTHING ON US & WE WERE ACTUALLY DOING ANYTHING WRONG OR AGAINST THE LAW, YOU KNOW THEY WOULD HAVE HAD US IN COURT LONG AGO! But they've never been able to prove a thing of all the lies of our enemies & the false witnessing of some of their disgruntled, spiteful & unhappy backsliders ... who had to try to make excuses & false accusations against us to justify themselves for leaving us as traitors, "who went out from us because they were not of us!"--1Jn.2:19.--Amen?

17. WE ARE CERTAINLY NOT PERFECT & HAVE MADE OUR SHARE OF MISTAKES just like everybody else, for which may God & others forgive us! But certainly none of them have been serious enough to warrant criminal prosecution or our enemies would have had us prosecuted long ago instead of having to resort to a mere SMEAR campaign of WORDS in place of WEAPONS!

19. SO DON'T WORRY ABOUT A LITTLE "BAD" PUBLICITY, oral persecution or even a few verbal or literal beatings! They'll only make more news & keep you & your Message before the public until you have reaped the harvest, grown even stronger through opposition & even grown in numbers through attempted suppression, as history has so often proven!

20. AGAIN, GOD WILL THEREBY MAKE PEOPLES & GOVERNMENTS MAKE CHOICES & decisions either for or against you & Him, for which He will judge them accordingly!--Amen?

21. EVEN IF THEY IMPRISON, TORTURE &/OR KILL YOU, THEY CANNOT CAPTURE YOUR SPIRIT NOR IMPRISON THE TRUTH nor torment your immortal soul nor kill the everlasting Children of God & His Eternal Kingdom, which shall reckon with them some day soon as they deserve!

22. NOTHING CAN STOP GOD OR HIS REIGN OR ALL OF HIS MESSENGERS, Prophets & holy Children who are here to stay forever, even if He has to jerk the World & the wicked out from under them & create a new one in which they'll live in peace, plenty, beauty & harmony forever!--And He will! Hallelujah!

23. SO "FRET NOT THYSELF BECAUSE OF EVILDOERS, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity. For they shall soon be cut down like the grass & wither as the green herb! Trust in the Lord & do good, so shalt thou dwell in the land & verily thou shalt be fed! Delight thyself also in the Lord & He shall give thee the desires of thine heart! Commit thy way unto the Lord, trust also in Him & He shall bring it to pass...Rest in the Lord & wait patiently for Him."

24. "FRET NOT THYSELF BECAUSE OF HIM WHO PROSPERETH IN HIS WAY, BECAUSE OF THE MAN WHO BRINGETH WICKED DEVICES TO PASS...Cease from anger & forsake wrath: Fret not thyself in any wise to do evil. For evildoers shall be cut off, but those that wait upon the Lord shall inherit the Earth! For yet a little while & the WICKED shall not be: Yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place & it shall not be! But the MEEK shall inherit the Earth & shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace! Forever!"--Read the rest in Psalm 37!

28. GOD HAS WAYS OF REPAYING THOSE WHO ATTACK HIS CHILDREN! So "fret not"!--"Vengeance is MINE," saith the Lord, "and I will repay!"

### "Dying Grace," ML #1775:3–23, DB2

3. (Dad:) IN THE DREAM, WE WERE FLEEING FROM SOMETHING OR SOMEONE, & we were on foot trying to find our way up a mountain through the woods. We didn't really know our way & pretty soon I figured we must have been lost & I was getting so tired I just didn't think I could drag another step! There was a mountain trail winding up through the woods & little valleys, it wasn't real steep.

4. BUT I REMEMBER THAT WE JUST FINALLY DECIDED WE WERE HOPELESSLY LOST & we didn't know which way we were going, & suddenly our hearts sank, especially since we were so exhausted, because to our dismay it seemed like the people who were chasing us suddenly showed up right in front of us & they had guns! And there was this one tough old guy, with a heavy black beard & a snowcap on, dressed like a trapper or hunter or somebody like you'd see up in the cold North. I remember that's one thing, I was cold! And I think there were others with him but I only remember him because of the terrific traumatic nature of what happened!

5. HE WAS ONLY ABOUT 15 FEET IN FRONT OF ME, FIVE METERS, & HE RAISED THIS POWERFUL HUNTING RIFLE & HE POINTED IT STRAIGHT AT MY HEAD like he was going to shoot me, threatening to shoot me right between the eyes or right in the middle of my forehead! And I remember I fell to my knees & I clasped my hands & I began to pray, & boy I really prayed! And strangely enough, I was praying for him & not to him, I wasn't begging him for mercy but I was begging the Lord for mercy for him, like the Lord said about His killers, the poor dumb Roman soldiers who were just doing their job. "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do!" (Lk.23:34)

6. BUT I SUDDENLY HAD THE MOST WONDERFUL THRILLING PEACEFUL FEELING, PERFECT CALM, PERFECT PEACE! I GUESS IT'S WHAT YOU'D CALL "DYING GRACE"!

7. AND THEN I HAD THIS SUDDEN AMAZING LOVE FOR THIS MAN!--Like poor fellow, he doesn't realize what he's doing, that he's killing a Christian, a servant of the Lord, someone who is innocent but whom he thinks is guilty!

8. AND I WAS THINKING TO MYSELF & PRAYING, "LORD, LET IT BE QUICK!" & WONDERING WHAT IT WOULD FEEL LIKE JUST AT THAT SUDDEN MOMENT OF DEATH! It was such a traumatic, hair-raising experience in that split second. "Lord give me the grace!" I was thinking, "Even if it hurts, it will only be a moment & it will all be over & I will be painless in the next World & with You forever!"--And I woke up! Ha!

9. BUT THE THRILLING, ENCOURAGING THING ABOUT IT WAS, HERE I WAS FACE-TO-FACE WITH DEATH & YET I REALLY WASN'T AFRAID! I was only slightly apprehensive & maybe you might even say just curious as to what it was going to feel like, & praying the Lord would give me the grace to go through this traumatic experience of having a rifle bullet go crashing through my brain in that last moment of life!

10. LIKE IN THE CASE OF ST. STEPHEN AS HE WAS BEING STONED TO DEATH, MAYBE THE LORD DIDN'T EVEN HARDLY LET HIM FEEL THE STONES! They say that some of the Christians who died, who were crucified or hung on the stake or burned at the stake, that they had such serenity & peace & they were singing & praying & praising the Lord so much that the Romans thought maybe some of them didn't even feel the flames! The Lord was releasing them without even feeling the pain!

11. I guess a lot depends on what you're able to bear, & the Lord will not let you be tempted above that ye are able to bear. (1Cor.10:13)

12. IT SEEMED THAT I WAS REALLY RELIEVED THAT AT LAST THE MOMENT OF DEATH & the end of it all had come, of this life & all of its hard work & problems & sacrifices & labors & dangers & concerns etc.

13. I HAD THAT GLORIOUS WONDERFUL FEELING, JUST ALMOST LIKE A FLOOD OF JOY THAT "THIS WAS IT! HERE IT IS AT LAST! I get to go!" I wasn't afraid at all! I was being released, I had the feeling like, "Ah, at last, thank God! This is my moment!"

14. I WAS SO PEACEFUL & REALLY THRILLED, GLAD, HAPPY, JOYFUL!--Just like it was the most wonderful thing in the World that could happen to you to die!

16. IT SEEMED LIKE IN A SENSE IT WAS ALL BEHIND US NOW & THIS WAS THE END, THIS WAS THE HAPPY ENDING! ... I really had peace in my heart! The guy with the gun looked more scared than I was! Many killers & executioners & persecutors of Christians have testified later that it was the way the person died or suffered, the grace they had, the love they had, the joy they had, that was such a powerful testimony to them that they later got converted! It was such a witness to them!--Your last dying witness! This is where we get the Greek word "martyr", the literal translation of it is "witness"! It's your last witness, your last testimony, the way you die!

17. SO IT'S NOT SO BAD AFTER ALL! DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT! IN FACT, I BELIEVE IT'S THE HAPPIEST EVENT IN YOUR WHOLE LIFE!--THE END! FINITO!--At last out of this fleshly carnal body with all of its woes & aches & pains & troubles & problems & weariness & sicknesses & disease & concerns, hard work & sufferings! It's all over! I mean, it gave me the impression that the happiest moment of your life will be the moment of death for a Christian!--A joyful relief of release, graduation, promotion, school is out & all over & you finally made it! Praise the Lord!

18. The Lord Himself said, "Fear not them which can kill the body." (Mt.10:28) In other words, don't fear death, don't fear being killed. It's not all that bad. In fact, it's the moment of release from pain & from death forever! Once you've died, that's it, you can't die again! You can't die all over again, it's all over! Thank God! It's behind you. That's it! Never again! Heaven forever! Happiness eternally! Total glory! Sudden death, sudden glory! PTL! TYJ!

19. AMEN, LORD, IN JESUS' NAME. HELP OUR PRECIOUS FAMILY NOT TO FEAR DEATH & NOT TO BE AFRAID, not to worry about what it is going to be like. For death is the end of our agony & our pain & our suffering & our problems & our work. Death is the sweetest moment of all! "O death, where is thy sting, o grave, where is thy victory?" (1Cor.15:55) Obviously, Lord, You've made it so it has no sting for us, & certainly the grave has no victory because we're going to be with Thee! Thank You Lord! So we don't have to live all our lives with the fear of death as some do.

20. "FEAR NOT THEM WHICH KILL THE BODY BUT HAVE NO MORE THAT THEY CAN DO, BUT RATHER FEAR HIM (YOU, LORD) that can cast both soul & body into Hell!" (Mt.10:28) Thank You Lord that we no longer have that fear because we know we're saved. We already fear Thee. We love Thee, but we have the awe & respect of the fear of Thee, as a child fears its father, at the same time loves & trusts, but is afraid to disobey--afraid of the judgments & the punishments & the wrath of the parent if we don't obey. It's a good healthy fear of the One that we love--You, Lord, our Father in Heaven. It's better to fear Thee, Lord, our Savior, not death, not our enemies, not those who can only kill the body but after that have no more that they can do. But we continue to have a healthy fear of Thee & concern about staying in Thy Will.

21. HELP US TO BE MORE CONCERNED, LORD, ABOUT LIVING THAN DYING & LESS CONCERNED ABOUT THE END, Lord, than the present, today. You said, "Fret not thyself for tomorrow, sufficient unto the day is the evil

thereof, for tomorrow shall take care of the things of itself." (Mt.6:34) Help us not to be encumbered with the burden of the fear of what is going to happen tomorrow, Lord--fear of the end, fear of death, fear of enemies or fear of anything, Lord, except Thee. But we are to be concerned about today & that we are doing Thy Will today, obeying Thee now, accomplishing Thy purpose now & fulfilling our mission now.

22. SO LORD, PLEASE HELP OUR PRECIOUS FAMILY NOT TO BE BURDENED WITH SUCH FEARS, such concerns or worries about the future, not even about tomorrow, but just to be concerned that we obey & do our job well today, & thankful that we can be of service to Thee, of use to Thee & a blessing to others while it is yet day, "for the night cometh when no man can work." (Jn.9:4) There will only be just a moment of that night for us, Lord, & there will be the glorious morning, the dawning of another day, a brighter day than we've ever known, Lord, that will last forever with Thee in that wonderful Heavenly City & the Heavenly Earth forever!--Where we'll wonder why we even worried or were afraid or ever had fear of any kind!

23. LORD, YOU ARE GOING TO TAKE CARE OF EVERYTHING! THANK YOU JESUS! Forgive us, Lord, for our doubts & fears, forgive us for ever worrying about the future or problems or people or enemies or any kind of concerns-for support, protection or provision--knowing that You love us, Lord, & our Heavenly Father will take care of it all & You'll never let anything happen to us more than we are able to bear, not even death! (1Cor.10:13.) But You'll give us the grace to bear it with joy & thanksgiving! Dying grace! Glory, actual glory! Sudden death, sudden glory! Praise You Lord!

#### "Don't Fear The System," ML #2572:5–13, DB10

5. (Fam: "I have seen thine enemies, & they have spread themselves like a green bay tree. Proud & pompous are they. But yea, they shall be brought to <u>nought</u>! For the tree of the <u>un</u>righteous is a tree of <u>death</u>, & the death it speaketh of is not thine, but theirs. For the ax shall be laid to the root of the tree & it shall come to nought. For the same measure that they have wished upon thee & thy children shall be turned upon their <u>own</u> heads!

<u>6.</u> ("<u>Fear not them, but rather fear Me</u>, which hath the power to destroy in a moment, in an instant, in a twinkling of an eye! For yea, their death shall be sudden. Have I not spoken these things & shall they not come to pass? But rather fear Me. For I have many to gather unto Me, & yea, that is thy mission.

<u>7.</u> ("<u>Take no thought for the morrow</u> or these things that shall come to pass. For have I not been better unto thee than a known path? And shall I desert thee in thy time of need? No, My children, I shall not. For I am better unto thee than a known way. Trust thou in <u>Me</u>.

8. ("For darkness shall cover the Earth, but My Light shall pierce the darkness & be a ray of light that shall shepherd thee in thy time of need. Only look thou into My face & the face of the Prophet that I have ordained for this age. For yea, have not My Prophets of old had enemies? And have not they been delivered? <u>And thou too shalt be delivered</u>!

<u>9.</u> ("Fear not! Neither give place to the Devil nor the fears that he would plague thee with. For yea, I am He Who hath called thee away from fear into My marvelous light! For I am not the God of fear, but the God of Faith & Love, & thou shalt find rest unto thy souls!

<u>10.</u> ("<u>And this shall be thy heritage that thou shalt pass unto thy children</u>, the children of thy womb, & the children of thy loins. Yea, this heritage of <u>faith</u>, this shall protect them in the days to come. Minister thou the faith that I have ministered unto thee, & yea, it shall comfort them in their time of need. It shall strengthen them in their time of testing.

<u>11.</u> ("For yea, Tribulation shall come upon the World, but I will tribulate them that tribulate thee more than they shall tribulate you! (2Th.1:6.) Yea, a time of darkness <u>shall</u> befall the Earth, have I not said in times past? Have My Prophets not spoken it in times past? Is My Word not full of this? And those days shall be shortened for My elect's sake, & thou art My elect. For thou shalt have strength thou knowest not of to protect thee for the day of My visitation.

<u>12.</u> ("<u>Only look thou to Me that thy faith fail not</u>, & I shall succor thee. I shall hold thee to My bosom as a father holdeth an only child. Yea, for what else do I have but <u>thee</u>? Who else do I have but <u>thee</u>? For My church hath forsaken Me, & only thou, the Bride of My youth hast remained. <u>Shall not I protect thee</u>? Shall not I protect thee as a suckling Father in thy time of need? Yea, I <u>shall</u>, & thou shalt be blessed. Yea, I will mightily increase thy strength & increase thy numbers till thou dost fill the face of the World!

<u>13.</u> ("For have I not ordained these things & have not these things been written? For I spake it not in a corner, & these things shall come to pass! Thou must cling to <u>Me</u> in thy time of need & look neither to the right nor the left, & the strength that thou desirest shall come from Me, from none else, for I have promised it!")

### "Fear Thou Not, For I Am With Thee," ML #2591, DB10

<u>1. We're pretty aware of who our enemies are</u>, & some of them are very powerful.--But the Lord's a lot more powerful, amen? So you don't have to worry about the forces of the Devil & our enemies. God can be a <u>much</u> greater Enemy to them than they are to us! "Greater is He that is in <u>you</u> than he that is in the <u>World</u>!"--1Jn.4:4.

2. I was recently thinking, "Lord, things are getting so bad now in most countries, is there anywhere that's really safe for the Family?" And thank the Lord, He spoke this beautiful little song to my heart right then to remind me of His wonderful care & protection: (Sings:) "Precious hiding place, Blessed hiding place, In the shelter of His Love! Not a doubt nor fear, When my Lord is near, For I'm sheltered in His Love!"--The Lord is our refuge!

3. His Word tells us, "God is our refuge & strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will we not fear though

the Earth be removed & though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea! Though the waters thereof roar & be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof."--Psa.46:1-3.

<u>4. That's His promise</u>, amen? <u>He</u> is our refuge & strength, & through the trying days that now are & shall yet come, He is "a very <u>present</u> help in trouble." If we <u>love</u> Him & if we're <u>obeying</u> Him & keeping His commandments, doing His Will, the Lord is very concerned about helping & preserving & protecting us.

5. Just read the Bible & you'll see story after story of how marvelously the Lord protects & keeps His children. Once in a while they got in trouble & they suffered some, but He always <u>delivered</u> them! He doesn't say that you're never going to have any trials or afflictions, but He promises He'll <u>deliver</u> you out of them <u>all</u>! Amen? (Psa.34:19)

<u>6. As long as we are obeying God & trusting Him & having the faith & trust in His Word that we should</u>, I don't believe God's going to let too much happen to us except maybe a little test now & then just to see how much <u>faith</u> we've got, how <u>determined</u> we are, how much patience we have, & how convinced we are that we're right. He sometimes allows troubles as a testing & trial to see how much knowledge of the Word we have, & how much we'll stand on the Word!

7. Once, when I was concerned & burdened about our children & asking the Lord how our little ones would survive these rapidly darkening Last Days, He answered me with a question: He said, "<u>Will I not care for My Own</u>?" Praise the Lord!--What an encouragement from the Lord! "Will I not care for My Own?" The Lord is able to keep us through anything & everything, & I'm certain that He wants to spare us & our children to minister to others, to help & encourage & inspire faith & glorify Him.

8. He reminded me of a Scripture verse & said, "And if I fail to care for My Own"--for you--"I am worse than an infidel!"--1Tim.5:8. In other words, He will care for us, amen? In fact, He won't let a hair of your head be touched without His permission! "He that toucheth you toucheth the apple of Mine eye!" (Mat.10:30; Zech.2:8)

<u>9. God is our defense, not the System</u>! The Systems were put here by God to defend the weak from the wicked, but frequently they become corrupt & wicked themselves so we can't trust them. We have no security except in the Lord, & we dare not trust in Man, whose breath is in his nostrils! "Let every man be found a liar but God be found true!" (Isa.2:22; Rom.3:4.)

<u>10. (Prayer:) Thou art our Deliverer, our Strong Fortress in Whom we hide</u>, our Strong Tower in which the righteous hide & are delivered from the Enemy! We fly to Thee, Lord!--Thou art a shadow in the time of trouble. <u>Thou</u> art our strength! We're nothing. We're weak, but Thou art our strength! We're Thy little children--Thy little sheep who run to Thee & hide from the Enemy--hide from the wolves who would try to devour us. We need You, Jesus!

<u>11. You promised, Lord, "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High</u> shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty" (Psa.91:1), & we know that's the <u>best</u> protection there could possibly be, Lord. So we put our faith & trust in <u>You</u>, in Jesus' name, amen.

### "HEDGED ABOUT!"

<u>12. Don't ever forget, we are surrounded by the Angels of God</u>. The Devil doesn't dare attack us unless the Lord lets him for some reason. We are hedged in, as the Devil himself said about Job. The Devil complained to God about Job, "How can I touch him? You've got him fenced in! You've got him so hedged in, I can't even reach him, I can't even touch him!"--Job 1:10. Well, God has placed a hedge of Angels around us also, a fence of Angels, a wall of Angels, & the Enemy cannot touch us without the Lord's specific permission!

<u>13.</u> "The Angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear Him, & delivereth them!"--Psa.34:7.--Else we would have been destroyed by our anti-Christ enemies long ago! So thank God for the great company of Angels He's given us! Hallelujah! TYJ! (Tongues:) "Ye lie protected by My Angels, & I have kept thee through lo these many years!" Hallelujah! TYJ! PTL!

<u>14.</u> When it looked like the Prophet Elisha was cornered & surrounded by an entire army of his enemies, his servant became very worried & upset, as it looked like a truly <u>impossible</u> situation: "And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, & gone forth, behold, an <u>host</u> compassed the city both with horses & chariots. And his servant said unto him, 'Alas, my master! How shall we do?"--2Ki.6:15.

<u>15.</u> But the Prophet answered, "Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them! And Elisha prayed, & said, 'Lord, I pray Thee, open his eyes, that he may see.' And the Lord opened the eyes of the young man; & he saw: &, behold, the mountain was <u>full of horses & chariots of fire round about Elisha</u>!"--2Ki.6:16,17.

<u>16. So that's something that we need to remember & constantly thank the Lord for</u>--His marvelous, miraculous, supernatural protection! Thank God for His Angels that encamp round about us! He must have whole <u>legions</u> assigned to keep us! He's got seven of them just around me, so think how many He must have around the whole bunch of us! PTL!

<u>17. Did you know that that was one of the last messages that my Mother ever gave to us</u>? She said, "The Lord told me today, 'Thank Me for My Angels. Why don't you thank Me for My Angels who guard you continually?'"

<u>18. (Prays:) So thank You for Your Angels, Lord, that You've given charge over us, to keep us in all of our ways</u>, to compass our camp 'round about, Lord, to keep the Enemy from touching us. Thank You, Lord, for all Thy children who do Thy Will & stay in the charmed circle of Thy protection, in Thy Will, in Thy Work, so that the Devil <u>can't</u> touch them with his dirty deeds & dangers & all the rest! Thank You, Lord for how <u>marvelously</u> You've kept & protected us, for Thy protecting Angels! TYJ!

<u>19.</u> Thank You for Thy great mighty Army, Lord, that surrounds us, that resists all the powers of Hell, though they be let loose against us. Even <u>one</u> Angel is enough to deal with them <u>all</u>! (See 2Kings 19:35!) Thank You Lord for <u>all</u> Thy goodness & mercy! Help us all to stay <u>close</u> to <u>Thee</u> in the charmed circle of Thy protection, in Jesus' name.

#### "FEAR NOT!"

20. When people get upset & worried about things, we often say, "Don't worry about it!" Well, if anybody could say that to <u>us</u>, it's the <u>Lord</u>!--"Don't worry about it! You're My child & I'm going to take care of you no matter <u>what</u> happens!"

21. Don't worry about your enemies.--Just trust the Lord, & I'm sure He'll take care of you! He never fails, no matter what the conditions. He says, "Blessed is that man that maketh the Lord his trust & respecteth not the proud nor such as turn aside to lies."--Psa.40:4. That means that we're to trust the Lord & not to heed our enemies' lies nor worry about them. We're not to give too much respect to our proud enemies who try to trouble & persecute us. They don't deserve our respect! We're not supposed to fear Man! It's the Devil that tries to make you fearful & afraid!

22. Once, when it looked like some of our enemies were getting a little too close to us for comfort, I was burdened about the seemingly imminent danger & I just cried out, "Lord, what should we do?" And instead of telling me what to do, He told me what <u>not</u> to do. I wasn't asking the Lord for a Scripture, I wanted to know what to do. But He simply told me, "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, yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of My righteousness!"--Isaiah 41:10. That's a verse I've gotten before, but it was certainly an encouragement from the Lord at that time.

23. So whatever you are & whatever you do, don't be afraid! Be like King David, who exclaimed, "In <u>God</u> have I put my trust: I will <u>not</u> be afraid what <u>Man</u> can do unto me!"--Psa.56:11. Keep your faith in the Lord & trust the Lord & know the <u>Lord</u> is in control, and nothing's going to happen but what the Lord allows. The Lord's going to take care of us, whatever happens, & He's going to do what He wants to do.

24. Don't worry about our enemies, these little nothings that move at His behest! God is in control & they can do nothing without His permission, & all things that He lets them do will eventually work together for our good, so they are only hurting themselves & helping us! PTL!

25. (Prays:) Lord, we know in spite of our enemies & the dangers & evils of this wicked, anti-Christ World, that <u>Thou</u> shalt keep us in Thy way, whatever it may be. So just help us not to fear, Lord, not to be afraid of what Man can do to us, but only to fear <u>Thee</u> & love Thee & follow Thee & obey Thee! You said, "In the fear of the <u>Lord</u> is <u>strong</u> <u>confidence</u>: & His children <u>shall</u> have a place of refuge."--Pro.14:26. PTL!

<u>26. Help us to remain at peace in Thee, Lord!</u> "Thou wilt keep him in <u>perfect peace</u> whose mind is stayed on <u>Thee</u> because he <u>trusteth</u> in Thee."--Isa.26:3. Help us not to worry about any of the waves & winds & billows that the Enemy tries to stir up against us. Help us just to look to <u>Thee</u>, Lord, & keep our eyes on <u>You</u>, Jesus, & trust You. We know You work everything out for the <u>best</u> somehow. All things, Lord, shall work together for <u>good</u> to us who love You. In some way it's all good for us, Lord, & it's all going to work together for our good, in Jesus' name. Amen.

27. (Prophecy:) "Fear not, for I am thy God & thy testimony & thy peace & thy great Fortress round about thee which is in the Heavenlies, which no human power can touch, which is above all earthly powers! None can stand against thee, for I am thy God & thou art My children, & they are but <u>specks</u> & shall be blown away!

28. "Be not afraid, for I am thy God!--I will strengthen thee, yea, I will help thee, yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of My Righteousness! Therefore, heed not the devices which come of that little punk Satan!--But rather, listen unto Me, & I will lead thee & I will guide thee.

29. "Fear not the things which rise against thee, for all the forces of the Devil shall be as <u>chaff</u> which the wind driveth away, & all the ridiculous little pieces of trash which rise against thee shall be blown away by the Spirit of God! For I am with thee, & <u>none</u> shall stand against the power I have given thee!

<u>30.</u> "Fear not therefore, that which shall come upon thee! For I shall turn it unto thy good! Every device of Man shall be turned back upon his own head." PTL! Hallelujah! TYJ!

### DO WHAT YOU CAN!

31. <u>The 'ol Boogie Man is after you, & you need to watch out & watch your step</u>. But you <u>don't</u> need to be <u>afraid</u>. Don't get paranoid, don't worry. You can <u>plan</u> & <u>prepare</u> & face the facts & just be sensible & <u>try</u> to <u>avoid</u> his snares & traps, but keep your eyes on the Lord, don't get <u>too</u> concerned or worried about things. Amen?

<u>32. The Lord protects us pretty well</u>, thank the Lord. But we need to do <u>our</u> part & use a little common sense. Do what <u>you</u> can to get the situation under control, & whatever you can't get under control, the <u>Lord</u> has to get under control. That's where you have to trust the Lord, that He'll take care of His Own. But He expects you to do what you can towards trying to take care of yourself. He doesn't always do <u>everything</u> for us.

<u>33.</u> You have to give Him your cooperation & do what you can. For example, you can "walk in <u>wisdom</u> toward them that are without."--Col.4:5. He'll do what He can to protect & keep you, but <u>you</u> can tighten up your own family's security, tighten up your personal family, your legal relationship, & make sure you have your legal paperwork in order for yourself & your children, etc.

34. There are a lot of little catches & snags & thorns & hooks on which you might get hung if you don't watch your step with the System & make sure you've done what you can to see that your personal situation is as secure as possible. You should at least make sure that your children are safe & your family set-up is as legal & safe & protected from harm & from the dangers of the Enemy's attacks as you can get it.

## "WATCH & PRAY!"--Mat.26:41

<u>35.</u> One of the best ways to avoid or prevent any kind of serious problems & troubles is to pray without ceasing. Keep <u>close</u> to the Lord & constantly claiming the protection of the Lord, always asking the Lord to keep you, & bless & protect you, because lots of things can happen that are totally beyond <u>your</u> control, but not the <u>Lord's</u>!

<u>36.</u> So the main thing to do is live close to the Lord and trust Him and avoid the conditions under which such things can happen as much as you possibly can. Avoid taking any unnecessary chances and avoid dangerous conditions and encounters whenever possible. The Devil will take advantage of any situation that he can, especially if you're not real prayerful, watchful and cautious, so don't let him have the chance! Stay close to the Lord and in His Will and obey His Word.--And use your head and a little common sense!

<u>37.</u> "Men ought always to pray & not to faint" (Luk.18:1), God's Word says. And He says, "Pray without ceasing!"--1Th.5:17. Jesus said "Watch & pray!" (Mat.26:41), He didn't say that for no reason. He not only knew you would need it, but it's one way the Lord has of trying to keep you close to Him, in His presence continually, & constantly dependent upon Him & His protection & provision.

<u>38. We need to "Be sober, be vigilant, because our adversary the Devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour</u>."--1Pet.5:8. You've really gotta <u>watch out</u> for the Devil and his outfit! They've got all kinds of ideas, and as I used to say, as many different tactics as a dog has fleas! But what can we do to try to prevent them? We can't always prevent their attacks, but in order to try to prevent their accusations and charges from sticking or our getting caught in their clutches or our children getting taken away from us, we should certainly do all that we <u>can</u> to avoid their snares and traps.

<u>39. Of course, your best protection is to stay strong in the Lord & the Word & in prayer & the Spirit</u> & don't allow the Enemy any openings or opportunities to annoy you or cause you trouble. Jesus Himself said, "A strong man <u>armed</u> keepeth his goods in peace!"--Luk.11:21. What did Jesus mean by that? To be <u>strong</u> is to be <u>watchful</u> & to be <u>wise</u>.--Not just strong physically & able to beat him up or shoot him, but to be strong in <u>spirit</u>, strong in <u>prayer</u>, strong in <u>security</u>, strong in <u>watchfulness</u>!--"<u>Armed</u>!"--Are <u>you</u>?

<u>40.</u> <u>The Lord is merciful</u>, & you usually get a little <u>warning</u> of some kind, the Lord gives you a <u>check</u> of His Spirit to warn you that something is happening or about to happen or may happen. The Lord always gives a warning, always! (Amos 3:7) So make sure you're watching & praying & staying in <u>tune</u> with the Lord so you'll be able to receive & heed His checks!

<u>41.</u> "Watch & pray!"--Those are two cardinal rules of taking care of children & shepherding the Lord's sheep! You've got to really <u>watch</u>'m & <u>watch out</u> for everything, & really <u>pray</u>! PTL? God bless & keep you & help you to <u>watch</u> & <u>pray</u>!

42. (Prays:) Lord, help us to always be wise & watchful & prayerful, that we may never be caught napping or sleeping. You've said time & again that we should watch & pray that these things don't come upon us, Lord, unawares without notice or without any preparation. (See Mat.26:41; Mk.13:33; 14:38; Luk.21:36; Eph.6:18; Col.4:2; 1Pet.4:7!)

<u>43.</u> <u>Many times in Your Word, Lord, You said, "Watch & pray, watch & pray</u>." We're not only to pray for security, for Thy protection, for safety, Lord, but we are to <u>watch</u> out ourselves. We're to be cautious & watchful & beware or You wouldn't have said, "<u>Watch</u>"! You said for us to be as wise as serpents & as harmless as doves, & to watch out because You were sending us out like sheep in the midst of wolves. (Mat.10:16) So You expect us to use a great deal of wisdom & to be very watchful regarding our own personal security & the security of Thy Work & Thy children. So we ask Thee to help us to be more conscious of it. TYJ!

<u>44.</u> So help us now, Lord, to be constantly on our guard for the Enemy & his wiles & darts & dirty tricks. Guide us by Thy Spirit, warn us, strengthen us, & help us to be aware of his devices. Help us not to allow ourselves to get unnecessarily caught in his traps.

<u>45.</u> We know the Enemy is always ready to take advantage of every unguarded moment when we're not watching or looking or praying or being as cautious & careful & prayerful as we should be, Lord. So help us not to have any unguarded moments, Lord, but to guard every moment in prayer & watching, being cautious & avoiding any conditions that the Enemy could take advantage of, in Jesus' name.

## CONDITIONS FOR GOD'S PROTECTION!

<u>46. The Lord spoke to us once & said the reason that certain people were having so much sickness & trouble was</u> <u>because they were running around outside the tower of the Lord's protection</u> & that they were not hiding in the secret place or staying under the Lord's wings. If you really want God's blessing & protection, you've got to stay <u>close</u> to the Lord, like a little chick under the wings of the mother hen; in tune with God & in touch with Him in prayer--really touching God!

<u>47.</u> God cannot protect you, prosper or bless you when you are out of His Will and running around outside of the secret place and from under His shadow, His wings, and the Fortress of perfect fellowship with Him! When you do this, you can no longer claim the protection and defenses of Psalm 91, and He may even let you fall prey to the Enemy, because you're playing around with fire and living so close to Enemy territory!

48. As long as you keep trying to please the Lord & obey & stay in His Will & are doing your best to serve Him, He'll

do <u>His</u> best to take care of you. But if you go running off your own way, doing your own thing, He's no longer responsible. It's only when you abide within the tower of His Will under His wings, that you can expect His protection.

<u>49. We are engaged in a spiritual warfare with Satan himself</u>, & if you want to <u>win</u> the battles & stay <u>free</u> to serve the Lord, you'd better keep in tune & in touch with the <u>Holy</u> Spirit & on <u>God's</u> territory <u>all</u> the time & close to His <u>Word</u> & in the <u>right</u> spirit & constantly in <u>prayer</u>, seeking the <u>Lord</u> & praying for His protection & His <u>help</u> & <u>thanking</u> Him constantly for His blessings, & staying mighty <u>close</u> to the Lord!--Or you're going to be singed by that old fire-breathing Dragon! If you go running around outside of the tower of God's protection & the holy place of His Will, that old Devil's going to be on your trail & try to give you all kinds of trouble!

50. If you get rebellious & disobedient & out of touch with the Lord, watch out, because that's when the Devil gets in touch with you or some member of your family! That's his privilege if you run outside the Lord's protection.

51. (Prays:) Thank You for Thy protection, Lord!--Protecting us in spite of all the Enemy may try to do. "Except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain."--Psa.127:1. We know You'll continue to keep us if we continue to do what's right & we obey.

52. Thank You that You're always watching us, You never take Your eye off of us lest we get in trouble! TYJ! You keep us out of all kinds of trouble. TYL! The only trouble You ever let us get into, Lord, is usually what we deserve. If after several warnings we insist on going our own way & not obeying, being careless or prayerless, You let something happen just to teach us a lesson. But Lord, help this not to happen too often.

53. Help each one of us to stay close to You, Jesus, in the center of Thy Will. Then we know we're in the center of Thy protection & provision & blessing & usefulness, & we have no problems, nothing to worry about. We can trust You utterly by faith because we know we're being obedient & doing Thy Will. And that's all we can do, Lord, the rest is up to You.

54. We have to trust You a great deal to do what we can't do. We can't do everything, but You can. But we can do our part, Lord, & our best, & cooperate with Thee & not be careless or unmindful, unwatchful, unprayerful. So help us, Lord, to do what we can, in Jesus' name.

### HE CAUSES THE WRATH OF MAN TO PRAISE HIM!--Psa.76:10

55. If, despite your obedience to the Lord, vigilance in prayer & faithfulness to do all you can to avoid provoking the <u>System</u>, you meet with serious opposition or persecution such as detainment, court trials, separation of children etc., remember, <u>God's</u> in control, & He's allowed it for a <u>purpose</u>. Nothing happens to His children but by His Will & with His permission.

56. <u>The Lord can turn cursing into blessing</u>, & even cause the <u>wrath</u> of Man to <u>praise</u> Him. (Psa.76:10) "<u>All</u> things work together for <u>good</u> to them that love the Lord."--Rom.8:28. God is not going to let anything happen to you, His child who loves Him, except what is for your good.

59. (Prays:) No matter what happens, it's all in Your hands, Lord, & "all things work together for good to them that love Thee!" We are Thy children, Lord, & we know that You are going to care for Your Own & that it's all going to somehow work out for the best in the end. PTL!

### **CLOSING PRAYER!**

<u>60.</u> We thank You, Lord, that most of our troubles & worries never happen. But the Devil tries to make us afraid, to <u>fear & to worry</u>. So bless & keep us, Lord, & we know You <u>will</u>, as long as we stay close to You & in Thy Will. Help us all not to do anything foolish, help us not to get out of the charmed circle of Thy Will & Thy guidance. Help us to have great <u>wisdom</u> in protecting Thy Work, & help us, Lord, to give You all the cooperation we can in security & watchfulness & obedience.

61. We know You'll continue to protect us, Lord, as long as we're useful to Thee & obedient, serving Thee faithfully, & loyally delivering Thy Word to Thy children & preaching Thy Gospel! TYJ! So we don't have to worry about ourselves, Lord, You'll take care of us. You've continued to protect us & provide for us for all these years in spite of literally many millions of enemies, including the Devil & all his demons! You have kept us, & kept us beautifully, Lord, & at peace & rest most of the time, in tranquil places where we can continue Thy Work. We know You'll <u>continue</u> to take care of us & protect us & provide for us!

<u>62.</u> Protect Thy precious children around the World, Lord! Keep them from the vicious, fiendish, devilish Enemy that hounds & persecutes them, accuses them night & day! (Rev.12:10) And, Lord, when the Enemy comes in like a flood, raise up Thy standard against him by Thy Spirit! You said, "<u>Resist</u> the Enemy & he shall <u>flee</u> from thee," so help us, Lord, to <u>resist</u> & <u>defeat</u> him <u>utterly</u>, in Jesus' name. PTL! (Isa.59:19; Jam.4:7.)

63. Keep us safely not only from our enemies, but even from our own selves, Lord, & our own mistakes! Bless & keep us all <u>close</u> to <u>You</u>, obedient, wise as serpents & harmless as doves, constantly in prayer, Lord, & close to You in obedience & in Thy Will, the hallowed protected center of Thy Will, Lord, doing what we know is right & what You want us to do, knowing therefore that You will take care of us & protect us! PYL! Hallelujah! TYJ!

<u>64. Help us to continue to trust Thee, & not fear or worry</u>. Like You said, Lord, "Will I not care for My Own?" We know You <u>will</u> care for Your Own, for us & ours, for <u>Yours</u>! We can have perfect peace of mind & peace of heart, Lord, because we know that You <u>love</u> us & You are guiding us & caring for us, protecting us, & You will not let them touch a hair of our heads unless it somehow fulfills Thy plan.

<u>65.</u> Lord, the Devil is always threatening & breathing out slaughters (Acts 9:1), but seldom if ever accomplishing them, so we thank You for that! He tries to scare & frighten us, Lord, he threatens, but You seldom if ever let him accomplish or fulfill his threats.

<u>66.</u> We thank You Lord for how wonderfully You care for us all! You're the Great Shepherd Who <u>never</u> fails us, & we know that it's nothing but miraculous & supernatural, Lord, by Thy divine power that our Family has been kept & been able to keep going like they have in spite of all the Enemy can do.--And we know it's because they're <u>obeying</u> You, Lord, & pleasing You, & carrying out Your Message & winning souls & going into all the World & preaching the Gospel to every creature!

67. Thank You Lord that we're in the palm of Thy great hand, where no man can remove us. We're safe under the shelter of Thy wings, hiding in Thee as a strong Tower, Lord. We <u>don't</u> have to worry what Man can do to us because You are in control & You are taking care of us as You always have & always will. Thank You for Your provision of our every need, Thy marvelous protection, & for helping us to get so much done for Thy Heavenly Kingdom, prospering us & making us a blessing to millions upon millions of souls who are seeking & finding Thee & Thy great Love! PTL! TYJ! Amen? Hallelujah!

### MORE PRECIOUS PROMISES ON DELIVERANCE & PROTECTION!

<u>Deut.4:30-31</u> When thou art in tribulation, and all these things are come upon thee, even in the latter days, if thou turn to the Lord thy God, and shalt be obedient unto His voice; (for the Lord thy God is a merciful God;) He will not forsake thee, neither destroy thee, nor forget the covenant of thy fathers which He sware unto them.

<u>Deut.20:3-4</u> Ye approach this day unto battle against your enemies: let not your hearts faint, fear not, and do not tremble, neither be ye terrified because of them; For the Lord your God is He that goeth with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you.

<u>Deut.33:12</u> The beloved of the Lord shall dwell in safety by Him; and the Lord shall cover him all the day long.

<u>Deut.33:27</u> The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms: and He shall thrust out the enemy from before thee.

2Kings 17:39b He shall deliver you out of the hand of all your enemies.

<u>1Chr.28:20</u> Be strong and of a good courage and do it. Fear not, nor be dismayed, for the Lord God, even my God will be with thee. He will not fail thee nor forsake thee until thou hast finished all the work for the service of the House of the Lord.

Psa.37:28 The Lord loveth judgment, and forsaketh not His saints; they are preserved forever.

Psa.37:40 And the Lord shall help them, and <u>deliver</u> them: He shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, because they trust in Him.

<u>Psa.66:12b</u> We went through fire and water: but Thou broughtest us out into a wealthy place.

Psa.97:10b He preserveth the souls of His saints; He delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked.

Psa.105:14,15 He suffered no man to do them wrong: yea, He reproved kings for their sakes; saying, "Touch not Mine anointed, and do My Prophets no harm!"

Psa.106:10 And He saved them from the hand of him that hated them, and redeemed them from the hand of the enemy.

<u>Psa.124:6-8</u> Blessed be the Lord, Who hath not given us as a prey to their teeth. Our soul is escaped as a bird out of the snare of the fowlers: the snare is broken, and we are escaped.

<u>Psa.125:2</u> As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about His people from henceforth even for ever.

<u>Psa.145:18-20</u> The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon Him, to all that call upon Him in truth. He will fulfill the desire of them that fear Him: He also will hear their cry, and will save them. The Lord preserveth all them that love Him: but the wicked He will destroy.

Pro.1:33 Whoso hearkeneth unto Me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil.

Pro.3:26 For the Lord shall be thy confidence, and shall keep thy foot from being taken.

<u>Isa.35:3b-4</u> Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompense; He will come and save you.

<u>Jer.39:17-18</u> I will deliver thee in that day, saith the Lord: and thou shalt not be given into the hand of the men of whom thou art afraid. For I will surely deliver thee, and thou shalt not fall by the sword, but thy life shall be for a prey unto thee: because thou hast put thy trust in Me, saith the Lord.

Dan.6:16 Thy God, whom thou servest continually, He will deliver you.

<u>2Cor.4:8-9</u> We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down but not destroyed.

<u>Phil.1:6</u> Being confident of this very thing, that He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.

2Tim.1:2b For I know Whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day.

2Tim.4:18 And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto His Heavenly Kingdom.

### "Death--The Ultimate Orgasm," ML #2761:2-10, DB11

2. (Dad:) I want to tell you about a revelation the Lord gave me as I was reading some of your wonderful prophecies and prayers! I was so inspired, I broke down and wept a few times and I was praising the Lord in tongues. Then as I was reading someone's prophecy about <u>martyrdom</u>, it just hit me! I <u>never</u> had this experience before! Only one time before did I ever have anything like it, and that was when I had that dream where I was looking down the barrel of a rifle that some guy was pointing right at my head! I remember I wasn't the least bit afraid. (See ML #1775, "Dying Grace!")

3. And it was so thrilling, I just couldn't help but shout and praise the Lord, and I had to tell Mama right away what happened! Do you know what martyrdom is going to be like? This must be what gave the martyrs such tremendous victory, to where they could shout and sing and praise the Lord while they were burning at the stake!

4. <u>Martyrdom, actually being killed for the Gospel, for the Lord's sake, for our good works, is going to be like a</u> <u>sexual orgasm</u>! Do you know why the early Bible teachers called our going to meet the Lord "the <u>Rapture</u>"? That word was used for sexual ecstasy by the poets and the writers in those old-fashioned days: "I was enraptured!" "It was rapture!" Love was rapture! So the early Bible teachers and preachers used that as a polite word for when we go to meet the Lord! It's going to be our <u>rapture</u>! Don't you think that's going to be a tremendous <u>thrill</u>? I guess you could even call it a <u>physical</u> thrill, because we'll be in our new bodies that can still <u>feel</u>! What greater thrill is there in the <u>physical</u> than the physical <u>rapture</u>, the <u>orgasm</u>? As somebody said, "It feels so good, it hurts!" (Family: It's like "We go and He comes!") Ha! Yes, or He comes and we go! Praise the Lord!

**5.** (Maria: Those Christian martyrs who smiled and sang as they were burning at the stake couldn't have done that if they were in agony! It's just not physically possible.) They were shouting, smiling, singing and praising the Lord!--And this is what converted a lot of Romans, because they knew it was a miracle, they knew it was amazing!

6. So your death is not going to be some horrible experience, it's going to be like those wonderful sexual orgasms! <u>Hallelujah</u>! Isn't that wonderful? PTL! TYJ! <u>Wow</u>! Why not? We're going to be with our Lord! It's going to be the greatest thrill we've ever known! Praise God!

**7.** So don't fear death, it's going to be the greatest experience you ever had!--The most wonderful, thrilling experience! Suddenly the old flesh is gone and you'll be <u>free</u>! What could be better than that? Just like after working so hard for it in physical lovemaking, all of a sudden, <u>boom</u>! And you have no control over that at all, really, it's just something that controls <u>you</u> and you <u>explode</u>! Praise the Lord? I think when we die, we are going to have a wonderful orgasm as we enter the spirit world, and we are going to <u>explode</u>, really explode!

**8.** <u>I never thought of that before</u>, but it just came to me as clear as anything when I was reading your prayers and your praises and your wonderful prophecies. I ran across some of those references to persecution, martyrdom and dying for the Lord, and it came to me: "Don't worry about dying, it's going to be like an <u>orgasm</u>! You're going to be so <u>thrilled</u> and it will just feel so <u>wonderful</u> to die!" To <u>us</u> it's going to be wonderful! Like Paul says, "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" (1Cor.15:55). For us, death has no sting!

**9.** <u>Well, I'll end here with singing you a song</u>, this beautiful song that Mama woke up singing this morning, and later <u>I</u> was singing it too! Mama always wakes up and goes around every day singing something, and a lot of times she doesn't even know she's been singing! So this song was our <u>theme song</u> today. I must have heard Mama singing it, because pretty soon it began running through <u>my</u> head too. This is very fitting right now as we've just been talking about our Rapture. Of course, that's going to be the <u>climax</u>, the very <u>ultimate</u> in thrills! But until we reach that peak, that greatest of all thrills, we can still be having a lot of fun along the way and experiencing all kinds of smaller thrills in the Spirit! (Sings:)

So until then, my heart will go on singing! Until then, with joy I'll carry on! Until the day, my eyes behold that City, Until the day, God calls me Home!

**10.** <u>Thank You Lord! Isn't that a beautiful song</u>? Hallelujah! TYJ! It's going to be so <u>wonderful</u> when we reach that final orgasm, but even getting there is tremendous! And whatever happens, we know that His joy and peace and happiness is going to surpass all understanding and that we don't need to worry about anything. He's going to give us grace to even rejoice in the middle of any persecution that might come, and the grace to be genuinely happy and at peace and feeling the thrills of the Spirit through it all! Until then, our hearts will keep on singing! Until then we'll keep on praising! But then we're going to <u>explode</u>! I really believe it! Thank You Lord! Hallelujah!

## "Persecution!--As God Sees It," ML #2828, DB11

1. <u>I have such detailed dreams sometimes, it's amazing</u>! For some reason we were in the downtown area of some city and we'd been invited to look at some things in a jewelry and watch shop. We were looking at watches, but then the jeweler brought out this special art piece that was really amazing! It was like an old antique, all solid gold, and you could hold it in your hand. I'd say it was about a foot high and maybe four inches wide. It had a background of pillars, and on the front of it were these figurines, figures of people, that seemed to be carved or cast in gold.

2. The figure at the top was a man, rather large and tall, and he was holding a strap in his hand above his head,

<u>like a weapon</u>! The middle figure was a beautiful, rather fragile-looking woman dressed in one of those Grecian gowns, and she had her arms around the man at the top, clinging to him, as though seeking his protection. And this big man was glaring at a third figure down below, which was another man who seemed to be pursuing the woman. It seemed like the first big tall fellow in the background was protecting the woman from this other man. My impression was that the man pursuing her was her enemy and the large man at the top--who symbolized God--was defending her from her ex-husband or whoever he was. The other guy down at the bottom looked almost like a little devil or some demon trying to grab her.

3. <u>This was all worked into the fine art of a gold carving</u>! I can remember particularly the eyes of the big man that were glaring down at the other man. He had a big strap in his hand, like he was going to beat the other man if he didn't get away from the woman! And the gold framework was beautiful, like pillars in a Greek garden. It was a marvelous work of art; I've never seen anything like it, it was just beautiful!--Made of gold and yet some of it was jeweled insets, like the different colored flower blossoms, and God's eyes were two bright blazing jewels! He was big and powerful and looked like one of Michelangelo's statues, a very strong, muscular man! His hair was up in a big sort of bunch, flying, and He was looking down with His great face in great wrath!

4. <u>The woman was clinging to Him, very much afraid of the other man who was trying to grab her</u>, but I had the impression that God was going to <u>protect</u> her and not let the other man get her. The man below was grabbing for her and trying to pull her away from God--and the impression was that God was her <u>new</u> Husband.

5. <u>It could be a picture of our persecutions, the woman being like the Church--us</u>! (Maria: And God was angry.) <u>Very</u> angry! His eyes were <u>bulging</u> and <u>glaring</u> with anger as He looked at this other man in real <u>wrath</u>! And He had this big strap raised in His hand like He was about to strike him if he didn't let go.

6. <u>The jeweler had handed this piece to us and said we might be interested</u>. It was very old and a real classic work of art. That could be symbolic that there's nothing new about persecution. The Devil's always been chasing the Church and the Lord's always been protecting her. It was like God and the woman were in the garden, and this other bad man was trying to take her away. And God had His arm raised, ready to strike this bad guy, this fiend, with a big heavy razor strap or belt. I had the distinct impression she had belonged to the other guy, but <u>now</u> she belonged to this Godlike image.

7. <u>It's almost like we should look at persecution like a beautiful golden work of art</u>, very valuable, very much to be cherished, something very precious. I guess that's the way the <u>Lord</u> looks on our persecution.

8. <u>The jeweler was telling us, "This is a very valuable piece and something very precious</u>!" He said that we would like it. (Maria: And you <u>did</u>!) I was just <u>fascinated</u> by it! It was so real and so beautiful! I'd never <u>seen</u> such a beautiful work of art!

**9.** That must be how God looks at persecution! To Him it's a beautiful antique work of art--solid gold, precious, very valuable, studded with precious stones! He does speak of us coming through our trials as gold. "When He hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold!" (Job 23:10). And "the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold" (1Pet.1:7). It was like an illustration of His protection and His wrath against our Enemy, the man at the bottom of the picture being symbolic of the Devil and his followers who are fighting God's work! It was obvious that the woman was going to be perfectly safe in God's arms. Her arms were around His waist, and His right arm was raised in wrath with this strap. Of all things, I never thought of God using a strap! It was like He wasn't going to necessarily kill our enemies, but He was really going to chastise them. And His left arm was around her.

**10.** It was a beautiful piece and I was admiring it and just marveling at its beauty, like, "Oh, we couldn't afford a thing like this! This is too priceless and precious. It must be <u>very</u> expensive." We don't think we can afford the persecution, but God's put it right in our hand, just like a valuable possession, something to be really <u>treasured</u>! It's like the way <u>God</u> looks at persecution, and we have nothing to fear; He's going to <u>protect us</u> and He's going to use that <u>strap</u> on the <u>bad</u> guys!

11. <u>It was solid gold, very heavy, colored with brilliant colored jewels</u>! It was a precious piece to be treasured and admired, extremely precious, just like it was <u>priceless</u>! In a sense, the application is that we are to <u>treasure</u> these experiences, these persecutions. To God they're priceless, precious golden treasures--<u>more</u> precious than gold, He says. How can it be more precious than gold? Well, it had jewels in it. Persecutions were to literally be treasured as priceless, precious works of art!

**12.** <u>Think of that! That's how God looks at these persecutions</u>: That persecutions are not to be feared or regretted, but to be <u>admired</u> and <u>treasured</u>! They're priceless treasures to Him, because they're bringing out your pure gold value, as works of art.

**13.** <u>It was ... as though we shouldn't look on [the jeweler and his people] entirely as enemies</u>. They were showing us this gorgeous work of art. They were instrumental in bringing it to us and putting it in my hand.--Like the Lord sent it, even if the Devil did bring it! It was almost like we should be <u>thankful</u> that he was putting this gorgeous thing in my hand, like it was almost his most priceless treasure that he could show us or give us.

**14.** <u>The [jeweler] looked a little like those modern conceptions of the Devil</u>, but he seemed to be pleased to show this to me. I'm sure they're pleased to have <u>caused</u> it! It was like he was showing me one of his most priceless treasures. It certainly is <u>expensive</u>, that's for sure; it must be costing them millions!

15. <u>Isn't that beautiful? We're not to fear it, but we're to treasure these experiences</u>! They're works of art by God Himself, even if the Devil does bring it! It was the Devil handing me the work of art; he brought it, but God sent it! Some

[ACs], like devils, are bringing the persecution against us, but God's <u>allowing</u> it, because to <u>Him</u> it's a work of <u>art</u>! It's a piece of beauty, a priceless treasure to be thankful for and admired!

**16.** <u>It was awesome</u>! I think it's the most <u>beautiful</u> thing I've ever seen in a work of art! Apparently that's how God looks at the persecution of His people, and it was anything but a defeat!

**17.** <u>This</u> ... jeweler handed it to me like it was one of his most expensive treasures that I'd have to pay a lot for! I'm sure they're trying to make us pay all they can, and <u>they're</u> sure paying a lot for it too. But they're hoping <u>we'll</u> pay for it. And I had the feeling like, "This is too expensive; we could never afford it!" Isn't that how we feel sometimes about these persecutions? Don't we feel like they're too expensive and we can't afford them? But not to the Lord! He looks on them as a beautiful, golden, precious treasure, a priceless work of art, a masterpiece!

**18.** <u>Who'd have ever thought of picturing persecution as a work of art but the Lord</u>? So apparently He wants <u>us</u> to look on it that way--as pure gold, refined in the fire of persecution, with precious gems that are like the lessons we learn.

**19.** <u>The Lord looks at things so differently</u>! Remember how the Lord looked at death as a spiritual orgasm?--One of the most exciting feelings of this life, one of the biggest thrills in the world for us? It's not to be feared, but to be looked forward to as a thrilling experience! (See "Death--The Ultimate Orgasm!" ML #2761.) And here He pictures persecution <u>not</u> as something to be <u>feared</u>, but as something <u>beautiful</u>, priceless, treasured, a beautiful work of art, pure gold, gemstudded, as though He treasures each of these experiences of our persecution and our clinging to Him all the tighter as beautiful experiences!--Real beautiful works of art, masterpieces! It's very precious to the Lord and we should look on it as <u>He</u> does--not fear it or dread it or complain about the suffering. The gold has to go through the <u>fire</u> in order to come out into a beautiful statue or gorgeous work of art!

**20.** <u>It's not like He was going to kill the Devil, but he was going to really give him a thrashing</u>, really hurt him and bash him if he didn't let go of the woman! Apparently He lets the Devil pursue us till we're driven to the Lord's side and driven to cling to the Lord for protection, thus far and no further. It was almost like, "Just one more inch, buddy, and you're going to <u>get</u> it, whammy! No further!"

**21.** <u>Thank You Jesus! Hallelujah!</u> <u>Encourage</u> the hearts of Thy people with this, Lord! Help them to look at it like <u>You</u> see it, and not as the Devil sometimes tempts us to look at persecution, as something bad and evil and defeating, but like a beautiful, priceless, golden, gem-studded treasure! It's not something to be <u>feared</u>, but to be <u>treasured</u>! It's like a treasured experience, full of gems of lessons that drive us closer to Him and show His mighty power to deliver! TYJ! PYL!

**22.** "The trying of your faith is more precious than gold, yea, than much fine gold!" (1Pet.1:7). I never thought of that gold as being a statue or a picture, but that's what comes out of the fire! A golden picture of persecution! It was so beautiful! We're to treasure it, value it, admire it and be thankful for it! We're to "take pleasure in persecutions!" (2Cor.12:10). It's beautiful! That's how the Lord looks at it. Isn't that something? Thank You Jesus! Praise You Lord!

--How do you look at it?

### "So What," ML #2861:14-15, 17-19, 21-22, 24, 26-27, DB11

(Given after Dad became so ill he was hospitalized briefly and nearly died:)

**14.** (*Dad:*) We swept the world because it was God's work, and nothing's ever going to kill it! ... Even if the Devil kills <u>me</u>, the work is not going to die! In spite of everything the God-damned Devil has tried to do, we are still here and still going strong, and I bet we're going to have another set of year-end stats that's the best ever!

**15.** <u>So what! That's the title of this meeting</u>! So what! What are you guys worrying about? It wouldn't matter if I died, and don't tell me it matters! If you say it matters that I die, then it means that you're not really saying that this work is of <u>God</u>. (Fam: A good confirming verse is where Jesus said, "What is that to thee?" So what? "Follow thou Me" [John 21:22].) Very good, very good!

**17.** <u>So, so what! We're still rolling, aren't we</u>? (Fam: Yes.) The Lord's still blessing, isn't He? (Fam: Amen!) Every year I predict, "This is it!" And what happens? We end up having an even <u>better</u> year. So what are you worried about?

**18.** So what if I die? What did Paul tell'm in the Bible? (Fam: "Whether I live or die, I'm the Lord's" [Rom.14:8].) Yes, and what did Gamaliel tell'm? (Fam: "If this work be of God, no man can stand against it" [Acts 5:38,39].) Right! He said, "So what? Don't worry about it!" That's what Gamaliel was saying! "So what! Don't worry about these people! If it be of man, it will come to nought! So what! If it be of God, <u>no</u> man can stand against it, <u>period</u>!"

**19.** Who do you think is running this operation, anyway? (Fam: The Lord.) All right, then are you going to take it with a "so what"? What does that mean when you say "so what"? (Fam: God's in control.) Exactly! No matter what happens, so what! <u>God's</u> running this thing! This is <u>God's</u> Kingdom! This is <u>God's</u> work. This is <u>God's</u> will!

21. The next time the Devil says to you, "Blah blah blah blah," what are you going to say? (Fam: So what!)

**22.** (Sings:) "God is still on the throne, and He will remember His Own. Though trials may press us and burdens distress us, He never will leave us alone! God is still on the throne, He never forsaketh His Own. His promise is true, He will not forget you! God is still on the throne!" So what! Come on! (Fam: So what!) So what!

24. When the Devil comes along with this, that and the other and tells you, "We've got no food in the kitchen and we've got no money in the bank, we've got no way to get out of jail," what's going to be your answer? (Fam: So what!)
26. If this thing is of God, so what! God will take care of it, right? (Fam: Amen!) Okay, thank the Lord!

**27.** All right, run along! And no matter what you hear, no matter what the dirty Devil says, no matter what happens,

## \* "Persecution Jewels!--No.3," ML #2873:1-3, 47-52, 61, 78-80, Vol.21

## Winds of Adversity Help Us Fly Even Higher!

<u>1.</u> (Dad:) <u>HEAR THE WIND MOANING? I always liked that</u>. ... It gives you such a peaceful feeling to see those birds soaring in the wind. They don't mind it, they're taking advantage of it, it helps them soar better without much effort. It's like the winds of adversity & persecution--they help us soar better & fly higher without so much self-effort. Like the Lord has done with all of our recent victories--in spite of all the persecution, we fly even higher! Thank You Jesus! Praise the Lord! In fact, even <u>because of</u> our adversities we're flying higher & easier, just like the birds do against the wind. That's a good illustration.

2. <u>The wind is blowing so strong the birds can almost hover motionless in the air</u>! See? That's like the Lord does with us. When He blows the strong wind of adversity it may stop us sometimes, but it also makes us float higher easily without any self-effort. So even though the wind seems strong sometimes, it's good for us & helps us fly even higher.

<u>3. Boy, when they fly with the wind they really sail, really go fast</u>! So you can even fly <u>with</u> the wind of adversity, if it's a tail wind. You can either flee it & fly with it, or you can stand against it & soar high. Thank You Jesus! Hallelujah!

### **Persecution Makes the Scriptures Come Alive!**

<u>47.</u> I got the verse the other day, "Because he knoweth that his time is short."--Rev.12:12. The Devil comes in with great rage because he knows that his time is short. All these major attacks seem to be indicating that the End is getting very close.

<u>48.</u> This persecution sure makes the Scriptures come alive & helps you realize what the Early Church must have gone through! (Maria: Yes, like the Scripture that says, "Everywhere this sect is spoken against."--Acts 28:22.) It makes the whole Book of Acts come to life!

<u>49.</u> It's amazing how that first prophecy about the Philadelphian Church in Revelation was given to me by three perfect strangers in three different places who neither knew me nor each other, & that has fitted us to a tee, everything that has happened to us. It describes the "synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews but are not," & says that our enemies are going to be dust under our feet, etc. (See Rev.3:7-13.)

50. Praise God, those who are faithful will stand! Those that endure unto the End shall receive a crown of life (Rev.2:10), & that certainly fulfils a lot of what Daniel said, that persecution is to purge & make us white, some shall fall & so on. (Dan.11:35.) It sure makes a lot of Scripture come to life.--The rebellion of Absalom against David (2Sam.15) & all kinds of things.

51. Just think, Absalom managed to deceive all of Israel & turn them against his father!--But God brought final victory to David. Absalom got hung by his own hair! (2Sam.18:9.) Imagine the pride of those people to try to steal David's throne!

52. "Pride cometh before a fall!" ... How could they be so deluded? I guess when they reject <u>us</u>, they're rejecting what they know is the <u>Truth</u>, & therefore He sends them strong delusion that they might believe a lie. When you reject the Truth, the only thing left to believe is the lies.

### We'll Eat Cake over Our Enemies!

61. When it comes to our enemies, I feel like the Jew who reportedly said to Hitler: "You know, we eat a little horny cake over Haman, the guy who tried to wipe us out in Babylon.--I wonder what kind of cake we're going to eat over you!" Well, they're sure eating their cake now. But that's how I feel about our enemies: I wonder what kind of cake God's going to give us to eat over them!

### False Charges of Child Abuse!

78. (Maria: They try to use the Word to show that we sexually abuse our children, which of course is an absolute lie!) ... Our enemies are just using it as their latest excuse to go after us.

<u>79. No matter what their excuse is</u>, no matter what their false charges--whether sexual abuse, improper housing, inadequate food or mind control--they claim <u>everything</u> we do is abuse. According to the System, the only thing that <u>isn't</u> abuse is what <u>they</u> do to the children, but <u>they're</u> the worst abusers of all! You can just look at all the crime amongst youth today & see what their kind of abuse has done! That's <u>real</u> abuse, that's <u>real</u> crime, that's <u>real</u> violence. The System has turned <u>their</u> children into <u>monsters</u>! <u>Our</u> children are our best evidence, they're the proof of our pudding.

80. The Lord is going to take care of us. They can't pull any weapon on us that won't be destroyed. No weapon that is formed against you will prosper.--Isa.54:17. Amen!

### \* "Persecution Jewels!--No.4," ML #2878:1-2, 14-15, 94, Vol.21

## Lift Up a Standard!

<u>1.</u> (Dad:) "<u>STANDARD</u>" WAS THE WORD USED in battle for the spear that carried the flag or emblem of the forces that were fighting. Usually it was a long pennant type of flag, one of those triangular ones, & it was tied up right under the blade of the spear. The flags were put on spears because the spears were long & could be seen above the

heads of the forces. The standard bearer would carry the flag at the forefront of the battle to show where the frontline forces were. The soldiers following behind could really tell where things were at just by looking & seeing where the flag was.

2. So "when the Enemy comes in like a flood," when the Enemy is attacking, "the Spirit of God shall lift up a standard against him."--Isa.59:19. In other words, God's forces immediately come to our defense. Praise the Lord! So you can sort of picture that after this when you hear that Scripture, that the Spirit of God raises a standard against the Enemy! "Our weapons are not carnal, but mighty to the tearing down of strongholds."--2Cor.10:4. Amen!

### Our Enemies Will Be Dust under Our Feet!

<u>14.</u> The Lord will raise up both friends & enemies through persecution. He had to raise up the enemies first in order to get us out of the closet & into the open, so then He could find the friends! We've had enemies like these for years, but recently we are winning new friends by standing up & fighting guys like these! Our enemies are just like little rats trying to attack us, trying to attack the Kingdom of God! ... <u>Defeat</u> the Enemy, Lord, in Jesus' name! Thank You Lord! Bring out Thy Truth through it all!

<u>15. The Lord says our enemies will be dust under our feet, that they'll bow down before us</u>. (Mal.4:3; Rev.3:9; Isa.49:23.) Part of their punishment will be to some day see all the <u>damage</u> they've done & all the people they've led astray & all the lies they've told. In the meantime, they're just attracting attention towards us, which is God's purpose. So now we've got to come out strong & make it worthwhile!

### **Our Enemies--Like Chaff!**

<u>94. Psalm 1, verse 4: "The ungodly are like the chaff which the wind driveth away</u>!" The Lord is going to do that to our enemies. The Lord is going to blow all of our enemies away like dust!

## \* "Persecution Jewels!--No.7," ML #2899:1-3, 32, 58, Vol.21

Prayer for the Family -- "Monster on the Move!"

1. <u>BLESS THE FAMILY around the World, Lord, especially those who are receiving persecution</u>. Bring them <u>glorious victory</u> & real <u>triumph</u> over their trials! Thank You Jesus! Bring <u>testimonies</u> from their tests! Thank You for how You have in all these wonderful reports of the Family "Monster on the Move" shaking up the World & getting out the Word! Thank You Lord! It's working! You're getting out the Message through us, & defeating our enemies so far.

2. <u>Give the Family strength for the attack</u>! Help them to hit our adversaries <u>hard</u>! Praise the Lord! Thank You Lord! Lead & guide all of us around the World.

**3.** <u>Bless the Family worldwide</u>! Give them strength & wisdom & skill & protection & provision & all they need to fight the Enemy & expose him & rescue souls from him! Thank You Jesus! Praise the Lord!--In Jesus' name, amen.

### **Our Enemies Hate to Be Exposed!**

**32.** <u>Our enemies are such stupid idiots to think they can fight God or us</u>! They know we're <u>right</u>, & they hate us because we're telling the truth about them. They hate us for <u>exposing</u> their perfidy & corruption, & when we do, they hit back with not only lies about us, but truths that people have a hard time accepting.

### Only God Can Do It!

**58.** (Maria:) It's a funny thing, but the more we see how impossible the situations are, the more peace I have about it. You just sort of give up worrying about it because you know that at this point worrying won't help & nothing will help except God! You just have to cast all your care & all your weight on <u>Him</u>, & you know that He's going to take care of it! (1Pet.5:7.)

### \* "Persecution Jewels!--No.8," ML #2903:7, 74-82, Vol.21

### Prayer for Deliverance!

7. (10/93) Bless our Family around the World, especially those being persecuted. Deliver them as soon as it's Thy Will. Let them rejoice & be exceeding glad, for so persecuted they the prophets which were before them.--And great is their reward in Heaven!--Mat. 5:11,12. Thank You Lord! Bless & keep them & strengthen them! Give them courage & make them a blessing. Curse our enemies, Lord!--Or let them get saved, one or the other. And if they refuse to be saved, then damn them! "Let all my enemies be ashamed & sore vexed, let them return & be ashamed suddenly."-- Psalm 6:10.

### Troubled on Every Side, Yet Not Distressed!--2Cor.4

**74.** (Dad gets the verses 2Cor.4:7-17 for the persecution & court cases & shares them with the Family:) (Verse 7:) "But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, & not of us."--You've got to do it, Lord. We can't do it. We can just convey Thy Word. (Verse 8:) "We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair."--That's sure the case!

**75.** (Verse 9:) "Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed." It may look like we're defeated but we're not, thank the Lord! It's all a part of our testing. We're tested so we'll come through the fire as pure gold. Thank

You Lord! He wants to see how we'll stand it & He likes to watch us be good soldiers, just as we're proud of a little child when he does well. Christians down through history have had worse troubles than we have. I was reading Adoniram Judson's life story yesterday, & boy, we haven't even begun to suffer yet!

76. (Verse 10:) "Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body." Paul said he died daily.--1Cor.15:31. In a sense we die daily to self & to these things, but it is the Lord that lives in us.

77. (Verse 11:) "For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh." That's a strange verse, "We which live are always delivered unto death."--In other words, the more we die to self & personal desires & things like that, the more we live for the Lord. And sometimes we're delivered even to a physical death, & that's the best deliverance of all, because then we're out of it all!

**78.** (Verses 12-15:) "So then death worketh in us, but life in you. We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, & therefore have I spoken; we also believe, & therefore speak. Knowing that He which raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise up us also by Jesus, & shall present us with you. For all things are for your sakes, that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God.

**79.** (Verse 16:) For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day."--We're dying on the outside, but we're going to be stronger on the inside!

**80.** (Verse 17:) "For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding & eternal weight of glory."--It may not look very light sometimes. And I don't see how Adoniram Judson could've said that, because his affliction was pretty heavy. But <u>compared</u> to his glorious reward, his afflictions were light! Anyhow, whatever it is, it "worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory," a <u>weight</u> of glory! It's <u>heavy</u>, man! We will receive a <u>weight</u> of glory. (Verse 18:) "While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal."

81. Amen, praise the Lord! Shall we close in a little word of prayer? ... (Prays the Lord's Prayer.)

82. <u>Amen, Thine</u> is the Kingdom & the power & the glory! Whatever happens, You can do it, & You know what You want to do. Thy Will be done, have Thy way. You know best! Give them the strength & protection & skill, & most of all, Thy Word.

#### \* "Persecution Jewels!--No.14," ML #2922:49-51, Vol.21

#### Psalm 46!

**49.** (Psalm 46, Verses 1-5:) "God is our refuge & strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the Earth be removed, & though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; though the waters thereof roar & be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. Selah. There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the most High. God is in the midst of her (--The Heavenly City!); she shall not be moved. God shall help her, & that right early."

**50.** (Verses 6-8:) "The heathen raged, the kingdoms were moved: He uttered His voice, the Earth melted. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah. Come, behold the works of the Lord, what desolations He hath made in the Earth." ... The Lord sure is spanking a lot of places, making "desolations."

**51.** (Verse 9:) "He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the Earth." That'll come some day. "He breaketh the bow, & cutteth the spear in sunder; He burneth the chariot in the fire." Amen, Lord, do it! (Verses 10-11:) "Be still, & know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the Earth. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah." Praise the Lord!

#### FJWL 2:392

The day to be passive is over. You must now be militant! Your enemies look strong and big and powerful, and you must have My power and My strength. This is the only way that you will be able to defeat them. Though your enemies look great, greater is He that is in <u>you</u> than he that is in the world.

This is the day to fight, to stand up! Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against all the wiles of the Devil. For he is fierce! He's playing for keeps! He's not playing around--he's out to destroy! But for this purpose was the Son of God manifested, that He might destroy the works of the Evil One!

My Spirit will go with you and I will give you peace. I will fight for you! Arise! This is your day! The violent take it by force! (GN 567)

#### FJWL 2:403

Fear not, for I will protect you and keep you in the midst of persecution. I will encamp you about. Wherever you go, wherever your foot treads, no matter where it is, I am with you. I will never leave you nor forsake you. I care for My Own as a father who jealously guards his flock and children and herds. As the Good Shepherd who never leaves their side, I am always with you.

Fear not, little flock, for it is My good pleasure to give you the Kingdom, but it must needs be that some of you enter into the Kingdom through tribulation. But even in the midst of tribulation I am with you. I will continue to comfort you and speak to you. I will speak words of love, wisdom and comfort to you. Even in the midst of battle My Words will be there to soothe and help and heal and strengthen you for the days ahead.

I will deliver you! Fear not! Keep your heart and let not the Enemy of your soul steal the peace that I have given you--the peace which passes all understanding. I will deliver you and keep you in the way that you shall go. I will guide you with My eye.

At the end of the road is a wonderful victory: My message shall be proclaimed to all through the mouths of many! My Words shall be proclaimed like never before, and then shall the End come! (GN 569)

#### FJWL 2:423

Even a little candle of truth shines many miles in the midst of blackness and darkness. So continue to let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify Me. Though they may try to snuff out your light by putting a bushel over it, nevertheless that bushel shall burst into flames with the power of the fire that I have put within you and the Words that I have given you!

As you go through this time [of persecution] I shall raise you up. I shall give you power for the hour! I shall give you the strength that you need in the time that you need it. I have not forsaken you, nor <u>will</u> I forsake you. I have kept you close these many years. I am not a man that I can leave and turn My back on you, for My love is an everlasting love. I know your heart and the purity of your motives and your desire to serve Me. I will be faithful to you forever!

It must needs be that these afflictions happen, but woe to them by whom they happen! <u>Woe</u> to them that bring these afflictions and persecutions upon you! For their cup of iniquity does fill, and in overflowing they will see the vengeance of an angry God upon them, and there will be none that can withstand My anger in that day!

Keep going! Don't stop! Go forward in the power of My Spirit! Fear not! Fret not! Stand strong and I will keep you! (GN 569)

#### FJWL 2:456

All that will live Godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution, but it shall be for a testimony against your persecutors, that their cup of iniquity may be full so that I might pour forth My judgments upon them! This is My promise, that you shall see your desire upon your enemies.

Have I not said that he that touches you touches the very apple of My eye? I will be a great blast of heat against them to consume them and destroy them! For greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world. Therefore be not faithless, but believing. You shall be victorious! (GN 571)

### FJWL 2:510

Behold, they called even Me a winebibber, a glutton and a demon-possessed fool, but it is My Word that has lasted. For the Word I give unto you, it is spirit and truth and it lasts forever. Where are the lies of My accusers? Are they not written down even in My Words? If they were not written in My Words they would have vanished into nothing as the years have gone by, even as My enemies have.

Take no thought for these accusations of the Evil One, nor of his minions, for behold, He that stands with you is greater than all of these put together! My Word is sharp and powerful, dividing asunder even the thoughts and intents of the heart. Hold fast to it! Do not deny it! Cling to it, and it will save you!

My Word is a two-edged sword, slicing in both directions--removing from you your transgressions and slicing the Enemy in half. Therefore cling to it, and it will set you free! The truth has made you free, and will set you free again. (GN 574)

#### FJWL 2:532

Keep your heart, and let not the lies of the Enemy steal your faith from you. Hold that fast which you have; let no man steal your crown. For the battle is great, and the Enemy as a roaring lion walks about, seeking whom he may devour. But it is not given unto you to lose. It is given unto you to exercise your faith. The battle is Mine, not yours; but by your faith, steadfastness, fight and spirit the victory will be won!

Forget not the Word that I have given you these many years, that I have planted in your heart. Let not the Evil One rip these plants of My Word out of your heart, but continually tend the garden of your heart, watering it and fertilizing it, continuing to feed on the Word that I have given you, so that you may continue to grow strong even in the midst of adversity and tribulation. For a plant that grows up in the midst of storm and the winds of adversity will only be stronger; the roots will be firmer and the plant will be more vital and victorious.

The victory is almost in sight, but you must lean wholly upon Me. It has to be Me! For only in your weakness and dependence on Me will My strength be made perfect. (GN 574)

### PRAYERS

#### "Thank God For The Victory--Over Our Vicious Enemies," ML #1817:1-2, 6-7, 9-13, 17-22, DB2

1. (Dad prays:) LORD, THIS PERSECUTION IS BOUND TO DO SOME GOOD! IT ALWAYS DOES! It means we're still being effective somehow, still having an influence, or they wouldn't hate us & fight us & attack us so! 2. WE KNOW YOU'LL CONTINUE TO PROTECT US, LORD, AS LONG AS WE'RE USEFUL TO THEE & OBEDIENT! TYJ! ... You'll take care of us. You've continued to protect us & provide for us for all these years in spite of many millions of enemies, literally, including the Devil & all his angels!

6. YOU LET IT ALL HAPPEN FOR A REASON, TO WAKE US UP & SHAKE US UP TO REALIZE HOW BITTER OUR ENEMIES ARE & HOW FRANTIC THE DEVIL IS, how desperate he's getting to try to stop us because we have done such a great work for Thee! All of us, Thy children Worldwide, are having such great victories, Lord, he's doing his damnedest to try to defeat us! But You're going to defeat this one too, Lord, & it's going to work out for good somehow.

7. SO WE JUST ASK THEE TO LEAD THY CHILDREN AS THESE EVENTS OCCUR & AS WEAKER BRETHREN ARE DECEIVED & FALL AWAY. You said the love of many in the last days would wax cold & there shall come a great falling away first, & then that man of sin shall be revealed, the Antichrist. (Mat.24:12; 2Thes.2:3) The love of many waxes cold first before they can fall away, & these enemies, if they ever had any love, it was a pretty cold love to begin with! Now they have fallen away & that's their funeral!

9. THANK YOU LORD FOR THE FAITHFUL, THANK YOU FOR THE LOYAL, THANK YOU FOR THE TRUE! Thank You for those who will not be shaken by these lies & deceptions & distortions! Thank You Lord for those who will be firm & determined & stand firm & strong, Thy mighty men & women of God who will serve Thee to the End no matter what!--And whether they serve Thee, Lord, with me or someone else, that's up to Thee. If they don't like me, they're welcome to go someplace else.

10. BUT HELP THIS PERSECUTION NOT TO SHAKE THEM, LORD, NOT TO WORRY THEM IN ANY WAY, THAT THEY NOT FRET & DOUBT OR DISOBEY IN ANY WAY, LORD! Rebuke the lies of the Enemy, Lord! You said, "Resist the Enemy & he will flee from thee!" (Jam.4:7) Help them to reject these lies of the Devil, refute them & refuse to believe them, Lord, because they have the Truth!

11. PRAISE YOU LORD FOR THY TRUTH! THANK YOU FOR SHOWING US THY WAY & THY WILL & HELPING US TO DO IT! Lord, You've blessed us hand-over-fist, year-after-year now with more & more publications & more & more souls & more & more fruit, more & more for Thy Kingdom, Lord, & great blessing & protection & provision, even prosperity, Lord! Thou hast made it easy for us to be good & do Thy will. Thank You for it! We realize the days are now going to get harder as the End approaches, it will not be so easy any more. There will be more lies & more enemies & more deceit & more betrayers & deniers, more attackers, more falsehood & more persecution to sift us & purify us, as Thy Word says, & make us white, to purge out any dross in us, to make us wholly, totally dedicated to Thee & Thy service unto the death! (Dan.11:35; 12:10)

12. YOU SAID, "BE THOU FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH & I WILL GIVE THEE A CROWN OF LIFE!" (Rev.2:10)--And we know that those who are faithful will be faithful all the way, even to death, Lord, & therefore You'll give them a glowing, glittering, shining crown of light & life as a reward for their loyalty & their faithfulness, their diligence, their obedience, their hard work, their self-sacrifice & the good work they've done for Thee & for others, the souls they've won, Lord, & the souls they've saved from perdition & Hell, the precious souls that they've saved for Heaven, Lord! It'll be eternally worthwhile, eternally nothing but joy & happiness in the future to see our reward for being faithful to the End & receiving that great crown of life so that we shine as the stars! "He that winneth souls is wise & they that turn many to righteousness shall shine as the stars", & surely our children have, Lord! (Pro.11:30; Dan.12:3)

13. THANK YOU FOR HOW YOU HAVE ANSWERED PRAYER & KEPT US & KEPT US GOING! In spite of everything & what everybody said & what the enemies predicted, Lord, we're still going stronger than ever!--Perhaps sometimes fewer, but stronger & more loyal, more obedient, more faithful & more fruitful, more fruit-bearing! Hallelujah!--With stronger disciples, Lord!

17. PRAISE YOU LORD EVEN FOR PERSECUTION! Praise You Lord for the opposition of the Enemy that purges us & scourges & purifies us & makes us white!

18. BLESS & KEEP THY TRUE CHILDREN, LORD, WHOM WE KNOW WILL NOT BE DECEIVED. They know Thy voice & they will follow Thee no matter what, & a stranger they will not follow! They will not believe the lies of the Devil, they will not be deceived, because they have the love of the Truth!

19. BRING THESE EVIL ACCUSERS TO JUSTICE, LORD! Have mercy on them if they deserve it, but justice, & refute their evil lies! Confound their politicks, confuse their knavish tricks & expose them as the evil hypocrites & liars & children of the Devil that they are, & judge them accordingly in order to vindicate Thy Truth, Lord, & Thy Word & Thy servants throughout the World!

20. CONTINUE TO PROTECT THY CHILDREN, LORD, & PROSPER THEM & PROVIDE FOR THEM & CAUSE THEM TO HAVE GREAT FRUIT, LORD, GOOD FRUIT, MANY SOULS FOR THY KINGDOM! Don't let this stop them at all, Lord! Don't let this delay'm, don't let this even cause them to even miss a step, but to keep right on marching for You, Jesus, till all the World is ours, Lord, & we win the victory, in Jesus' name, as You have promised! Do give us the inheritance, even the heathen, to the uttermost parts of the Earth, Lord! We know You're doing it right now & You'll do it in the future to the very End & into the beginning of the Millennium & forever! TYJ! PYL! Hallelujah!

21. WE KNOW THAT WE'RE GOING TO WIN THIS WAR, LORD! We may have a few battles that it may look like we have lost, Lord, but even those are for a purpose, to in some way make us better soldiers for a greater victory in the End!--That we may enter Thy presence, Lord, & Thou shalt say unto all of us who faithfully served Thee & obeyed & have done what You told us to do: "Well done, thou good & faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord!" (Mat.25:21) You didn't say "good & perfect servant", Lord, & You didn't say "good & successful servant", You just said,

"good & faithful", Lord, & if we hear nothing more than that we'll be happy to know that You count us as being good, in spite of what the Enemy says, & faithful, because of what You say. And that's Thy promise, that we will enter Thy joy forever, in Jesus' name! Amen! TYL! Hallelujah! PYJ! TYL!

22. YOU PROMISED THAT "THEY CANNOT STOP OUR RAIN!" (No.128), LORD, & WE KNOW IT'S TRUE.--And it's proven true! We have gone on in spite of everything, in spite of all the defections & backsliders & betrayers & deniers & opposition & attacks of the Enemy, Lord! They haven't been able to stop us yet & never will, Lord, You promised that, till we enter the Gates of Glory in victory, in Jesus' name! Hallelujah! PTL! TYJ! Amen!

### THE IMPORTANCE OF PRAYER

#### "We Must Pray!--And Pray!--And Pray Again," ML #2783:3-15, DB 11

**3.** (Mama:) <u>All Hell is arrayed against the children of God--God's Family worldwide</u>. All the mighty power of the System is being brought down upon those few who would dare to speak or act against it with the truth of God's Word. It's funny how they think they can so easily snuff us out, because of course they see things so carnally in the flesh, and their eyes are blinded so they can't see our mighty God and all His great hosts of Heaven who stand ready to <u>protect</u> and <u>defend</u> us! So no matter how great the fury of our enemies, nor how proud their boastings, nor how clever their machinations, nor how violent and widespread their opposition, their threats and boasts hold no danger for us. They're lying vanities, for we have God's promise, "If <u>God</u> be for us, <u>who</u> can be against us!" (See also "They Can't Stop Our Rain," ML #128.)

### "Remind My People to Pray!"

**4.** We have all these wonderful promises that the Lord has given to reassure us that "I, the Lord thy God, am a mighty God, I will come and <u>save</u> thee," and "Vengeance is <u>Mine</u>, I will repay." "Fear thou <u>not</u>, for I am with thee, be not dismayed for I am thy God." He's promised to give us the victory, take vengeance on our enemies, save our children, make us a witness to the world, and show His mighty power. What <u>more</u> could we want than <u>that</u>?

5. <u>He's told us the battle is His and to stand back and see Him fight</u>. Does that mean we can now just go our merry way and forget all about our enemies? Well, not exactly. The Lord always has a job for us to do, and we work in partnership with Him.

6. <u>After I heard some beautiful, beautiful prophecies and verses and visions that our staff here received, I said,</u> <u>"Well, Lord, it looks like You've got everything under control,</u> and there's not much we could do even if we wanted to. The battle is so intense and so heavy, and it's such a desperate situation that it's obvious that we couldn't do anything to save ourselves even if we wanted to. It would be ridiculous to even try. But is there anything that You <u>do</u> want <u>us</u> to do, any way <u>we</u> can help those who are in the midst of these battles?" And the Lord said, "The main thing I want you to do is to remind My people to <u>pray</u>."

### Victory Is Not Guaranteed, Unless We Pray!

**8.** Just because something is the Lord's will for you does not automatically mean that everything is going to go your way. Why are we told repeatedly to pray, if everything is all settled and everything is going to automatically be fine? What are we doing spending all of this time praying desperately if it's automatically all okay? We would just be wasting our time if that was the case. He says, "Ye have not because ye ask not." What a sad thing to realize that sometimes the Lord can't give protection, supply, healing or souls because we have failed to pray. As Dad said: "God said to Israel one time that bad things were happening because, 'No man stirreth himself to call upon Me'! (Isa.64:7). So the Lord really does leave a lot up to us: If we stir ourselves, then God will stir Himself. An awful lot depends on us, our faith and our prayers and what we want done." (ML #1957:34; See also Good Thots, pg.637, #243.)

**9.** <u>Doing what you know is God's will does not bring with it automatic protection and provision</u>. For example, you <u>know</u> that it is the Lord's will for you to get out there and witness and win souls, don't you? Of course! The Bible says it, the Letters say it, the conviction of the Holy Spirit tells you so, your leaders say it, it's an established fact, confirmed by many witnesses. Yet, if you go out there to do the Lord's will in the arm of the flesh, not depending on the Lord or crying out to Him in desperation for the help of His Spirit, you can each testify that you are not automatically</u> assured success.

**10.** "But," you say, "this is different, because the Lord has given us prophecies and verses.... He's not going to let anything bad happen and He's going to take vengeance on our enemies. He has said it Himself." Yes, but do you see why He said it?--Because He knew that we were going to pray. He knows the future and He knows that you are going to take up the commission to fight desperately in prayer for these dear loved ones who are under attack.

**11.** But we do have to remember that the Lord doesn't automatically protect people just because it's His <u>will</u> for them to do something. It may be the Lord's will for you to go somewhere, but if you do His will without <u>praying</u> for His protection, you may get in <u>trouble</u> while you're on your way.

**12.** So we have to remember that those two things have to go together: We can be doing His will, but we still have to <u>desperately pray</u> for His protection while we're doing it. So we must desperately pray!

**13.** <u>The Lord can fulfill His promises only if we do our part</u>. All these beautiful promises the Lord has given have

one <u>condition</u>, that His people far and wide in all parts of the world <u>pray</u>. But He <u>knows</u> you're going to pray, He <u>knows</u> you're going to obey, therefore He was able to tell us the glorious outcome through prophecies. What a wonderful thing to know the outcome and not have to worry or fear!--But we must do our part! (Please see also "The Spiritual Warfare Depends on Us!" ML #2327.)

14. Not only is it our job to pray, but also to fight with the Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God. We need to not only pray, but we need to use the Word. That's what our people who are directly involved in these persecution situations have to do; they have to actually stand up and give the Word of the Lord to our enemies. They have to give clear testimonies of our life for the Lord and what His Word tells us to do. So the most important ways that we can fight are in prayer and with the Word.

**15.** In prophecy, the Lord has said what He will do if we are faithful to do our part. What an <u>important</u> responsibility the Lord has given us! He's trying to emphasize to us how important <u>prayer</u> is and what <u>priority</u> we should give it. If you should find yourself in a similar situation, you would want to know that your Family was praying for you. So please don't fail to pray for <u>them</u>. They need you!

#### THE IMPORTANCE OF THE WORD

## "Faith Cometh By Hearing The Word," ML #2821, Vol.20

<u>1.</u> (Mama:) <u>The more input you get from the Enemy, the more input you need from the Lord</u>! (Fam: When you're walking on a flat surface, you don't need so much food or water, but when you start climbing a mountain, you exert a lot more energy, so you need a lot more food & water to sustain you, because it's a lot harder to cover the same distance going uphill than to cover the same distance on level ground. Likewise, when the Enemy is fighting, it's a harder climb, so you need a lot more spiritual food & water to keep you going.) Yes, that's a good analogy.

2. Battling all of this persecution & all of these attacks & accusations of our enemies is certainly a hard climb & a <u>hard fight</u>. When you're just doing sedentary work or ordinary light work, it doesn't take nearly as much energy, so you don't need nearly as much food or water as the people who are doing real heavy labor.--They need a lot more energy, a lot more physical strength, & usually more food & more water.

3. When you're facing the accusations of the Enemy, you've just got to rely on the Lord for your strength. Without <u>Him</u> you can do <u>nothing</u> & you're really weak. (Jn.15:5.) Without continuous strength from the Lord, you don't have any power or spiritual energy. You're empty & don't have anything to battle with. When you have to hear & be immersed in all kinds of vicious lies from the Devil, then you can't help but be <u>affected</u> by it, it <u>influences</u> you.

<u>4. You shouldn't feel condemned about it, because that's just the way it is</u>. Like Dad has always said, words are <u>real</u> things, words are <u>powerful</u>, regardless of whether they're the <u>Enemy's</u> words or the <u>Lord's</u> Words, they have power. It's not just the <u>Lord's</u> Words that have power, the <u>Enemy's</u> words have power too, & they influence people & sway people. So you shouldn't feel condemned if hearing the Enemy's lies & negative input makes you feel discouraged or depressed, or maybe even temporarily doubting or questioning.

5. You can't help it if it makes you feel that way, but you can go on the attack & do something about it. You don't have to let the Devil just walk all over you without your putting up a <u>fight</u>! The only solution is to make sure you get some positive input of the Lord's Words! The only <u>counter-action</u>, the only <u>antidote</u> for that is <u>God's</u> Word & <u>His</u> promises. But if you don't get that, then you're going to be <u>weakened</u>.

<u>6. The Lord's not kidding when He keeps telling us over & over that His Words are Spirit & they are Life</u>, that they're quick (alive) & powerful & sharper than any two-edged sword, that they're the discerner of the thoughts & intents of the heart, & a lamp unto our feet & a light unto our path, that their entrance is what gives us understanding, as well as all the other things the Lord says about His Word! He's not just saying those things to supply you with beautiful literature, nor to give you some theoretical principles that sound nice. He means for you to <u>do</u> something about it. He wants you to <u>apply</u> it & make it <u>work</u> for you. He wants you to get it into your heart & every fiber of your being & let it empower you to rise above the negative words of the Devil that would drag you down.

7. With His Word as your weapon, you have to actively resist & fight & overcome all of that negative input that you are subjected to. The only way to win is to have sufficient input from the Lord! That's just one of God's principles, that's the way the Lord has set things up, that's the way it works. There's nothing we can do to change it, the Lord has set it up so that the <u>negative</u> input can only be countered by <u>positive</u> input from His <u>Word</u>. So no matter how strong we may think we are, if we get a lot of <u>negative</u> input, but don't get the Lord's <u>antidote</u> for it, then we're going to be <u>weakened</u>.

8. So it's really dangerous to think, "Well, I'm so strong, I can take it." You <u>cannot</u> take it unless you have the strength of the Lord's Word. David said, "By the Word of Thy lips I have kept me from the paths of the Destroyer."-- Psa.17:4. It's only the Lord's Word that will keep you from getting sidetracked onto the Enemy's slippery paths. It's the Word that gives you <u>strength</u> to overcome the Devil; "I have written unto you, young men, because ye are <u>strong</u>, and the <u>Word of God abideth in you</u>, and ye have <u>overcome</u> the Wicked One."--1Jn.2:14. You may be able to take the Enemy's negative input for a little while, temporarily, & it may not seem to affect you much, but if you keep hearing & dwelling on that <u>negative</u> input, & you don't get the Lord's input, you're definitely going to be very <u>weakened</u> by it.

#### Giving No Place to the Devil!

<u>9. The World criticizes us, "You just won't listen, you're not willing to hear our side of the story</u>, how <u>we</u> see things!" Well, when we know we already have the <u>Truth</u> of the Lord's Word, why should we listen to the lies if we don't have tojust out of curiosity or just to show how strong we are? The Lord tells us to "Neither give <u>place</u> to the Devil! And whatsoever things are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, of <u>good</u> report, if there be any virtue, if there be any praise, think on <u>these</u> things!"--Eph.4:27; Phil.4:8. That's a <u>command</u> that the Lord gave us because He knew spiritual warfare is <u>serious</u>. He knew if you started listening to the Enemy & thinking on <u>his</u> things, you'd be <u>polluted</u> & <u>corrupted</u> by it. This is a principle that Dad covered very thoroughly in his "You Are What You Read" Letters. (See ML #775 & 776!)

<u>10. The World tells us, "You're just stuck on one idea & one frame of mind</u>, & you don't give your kids a chance to be exposed to all the <u>other</u> ideas in the World. You won't even listen.--You're too narrow-minded!" Well, if those ideas are contrary to God's Word, then we're commanded <u>not</u> to expose our children to them & <u>not</u> to give place to them! (<u>AMEN!</u>)

#### God's Good Word vs. the Devil's Dirty Garbage!

<u>11.</u> When you are getting besieged by the word of the Enemy, the more you hear his lies, the more faith you have in <u>them</u>, & then the more <u>doubt</u> you have in God's Truth. On the other hand, the more of the <u>Lord's</u> Truth you get, the more faith you have, because "faith cometh by hearing the Word."--Rom.10:17.

<u>12.</u> So the only thing that is going to help you to stand strong & give you the faith you need is hearing & dwelling on the Lord's Word. That's the only thing that is going to overcome the doubts that result from hearing the Devil's words. God's Word is the only thing that is going to counteract it.

<u>13. In other words, you definitely need to hear more of the Lord's Word than the Devil's words</u>. So if you've <u>got</u> to hear all of our enemies' lies--like those who are involved in our legal & media battles--then you've <u>got</u> to make sure you're getting into the <u>Lord's Word</u> & getting immersed in it to keep you from weakening & doubting. Jesus said, "Now ye are <u>clean</u> through the <u>Word</u> which I have spoken unto you!"--Jn.15:3. Hearing the Enemy's lies besmirches you & causes doubt & fear, just the <u>opposite</u> of the cleansing, faith-building, reassuring Word of God.

<u>14.</u> If you read all of our enemies' garbage & it causes you to get down or to doubt, it doesn't necessarily mean that you're so weak spiritually. It's just a <u>spiritual law</u> that if you're hearing the <u>Enemy's</u> word, you're going to start getting faith in it, which means you're going to be doubting <u>God's</u> Word. But it's <u>also</u> a law that you can <u>counter</u> any weakening of your faith by getting the <u>Lord's</u> Word.--And as you get into God's Word, you get faith in <u>that</u>.

<u>15.</u> Whatever your input is, your faith will grow in it. The <u>Devil's</u> word brings faith, too, but faith in the <u>Devil!</u> But the <u>Lord's</u> Word, if you get more immersed in it, will give you faith to counter & <u>fight</u> the Devil's word.

<u>16. So if you have doubts & get weakened because of having to hear all of this garbage from our demon-inspired</u> <u>enemies</u>, it doesn't necessarily mean that there's something terribly wrong with you. That's just the way it works: The more you get that negative input & hear the <u>Devil's</u> words without <u>countering</u> them with the <u>Lord's</u> Words, the weaker you are going to become, because you have no power of your <u>own</u> to resist the Devil's doubts.

<u>17. That's why the Lord commands us all, no matter how strong we may think we are, to think on the things that are good</u>, the things that are of <u>good report</u>. You're not proving anything or doing anything great by trying to show how much of the Devil's input you can take & how strong you can still stand. If anything, you're tempting the Lord! It's His commandment to us all, no matter <u>how</u> strong we are, no matter how strong we <u>think</u> we are, to choose the good & eschew the evil, to give <u>no</u> place to the Devil.--To think on the good things, & the things that are of <u>good</u> report, & not on the negative & not on the evil & not on the Devil's words.

<u>18. Don't think, "I'm so strong spiritually that I can take all this stuff</u>," because <u>you can't</u> take it!--It's only the <u>Lord</u> Who can take it <u>for</u> you! It's only the <u>Lord</u> & His <u>Word</u> that will give you the strength to overcome the doubts that you're going to be fed through hearing the Devil's garbage. So "take the Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God" (Eph.6:17), & use it to defeat & cast down all of the doubtful darts of the Devil & all of the evil imaginations that exalt themselves against the knowledge of God! Amen? GBY! ILY! (Amen! TTL!--D.)

P.S. Of course, you should <u>avoid</u> listening to the Devil's lies & accusations as much as possible. "Neither give <u>place</u> to the Devil!"--Eph.4:27. But if you <u>have</u> to be exposed to his garbage, make sure you get a good cleansing from the pure water of the Word, amen? GBY!

## THE BIBLE ON PERSECUTION

#### Persecution: Word Basics

#### 1. Persecution promised to all followers of Jesus:

- 2Tim.3:12 Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution
- Phi.1:29 Given not only to believe on Him, but also to suffer
- Mat.10:17 Beware of men: they <u>will</u> deliver you up...scourge
- Mat.24:9 Deliver you up...ye shall be <u>hated</u> of <u>all</u> nations
- Mk.10:30 Shall receive 100-fold now...<u>with</u> persecutions
- Lk.21:12 They shall lay their hands on you & persecute you

Jn.15:20 If they have persecuted  $\underline{Me}$ , they will persecute  $\underline{you}$  Jn.16:33 In the World ye shall have tribulation

## 2. Benefits of persecution:

## A. Heavenly rewards for enduring persecution:

Mat.5:10 Blessed are...persecuted...for theirs is the Kingdom

- Rom.8:17b,18 Sufferings...not worthy to be compared with the glory
- 2Cor.4:17 Affliction...worketh for us...eternal weight of glory
- 2Tim.2:12a If we suffer, we shall also reign with Him
- Heb.11:25,26 Choosing to suffer affliction...respect unto reward
- Heb.11:35b Tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection
- 1Pet.4:12,13 Fiery trial...when His glory revealed, ye may be glad

## B. The Lord is with & helps those in persecution:

Psa.37:32,33 The Lord will not leave him (the righteous) in his (the wicked's) hand

- Psa.46:1God is...a very present help in trouble
- Isa.50:7-9a The Lord God will help me...Who is mine adversary?
- Mat.10:18-20 Brought before governors...it shall be given you what ye shall speak...(God's) Spirit speaketh in you
- Acts 7:55 (Stephen) saw the glory of God, & Jesus standing
- Rom.8:35-39 Persecution...(can't) separate us from the love of God
- 2Cor.4:8-11 Persecuted, but not forsaken

Heb.13:5b,6 The Lord is my helper, & I will not fear what man shall do unto me

1Pet.4:14 If ye be reproached for Christ...Spirit of glory & God resteth upon you

## C. God allows it to spread His message & messengers:

- Mat.10:23 When they persecute you in this city, flee ye into another
- Acts 8:1,4 Scattered...went everywhere preaching the Word
- Acts 11:19 Scattered...traveled as far as Cyprus, preaching

## D. When condemning God's messengers, enemies often broadcast God's message--thus arousing interest in

it:

Jn.19:4-8 The Jews answered, "(Jesus) ought to die, because He made H	Himself the Son of God"
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- Acts 17:5-7 These (say) there is another king, one <u>Jesus</u>
- Acts 19:23-26 This Paul persuaded...saying that [idols] be no gods
- Acts 24:14 This I confess...the way which they call heresy, so worship I God
- Acts 25:18,19 (Paul's) accusers...had questions against him of Jesus, which was dead, whom Paul affirmed to be alive
  - Acts 28:22 Everywhere (this sect) is spoken against...but we desire to hear of thee, what thou thinkest
  - Phi.1:15-18 Notwithstanding...Christ is preached

# E. It sifts out those who are not whole-hearted:

Mat.13:21 When persecution ariseth because of Word, by & by he is offended

# F. The Word preached even in imprisonment:

- Jer.38:13-18 [King Zedekiah consulted with imprisoned Jeremiah]
- Mat.10:18-20 Brought before governors & kings for a testimony
- Acts 16:23-31 [Philippian jailor converted after earthquake]
- Acts 28:16 [In bonds, Paul preached in Rome--See vs.30,31]
- Phi.1:12-14 [In bonds, Paul converts Caesar's household--See also Phi.4:22]

# G. God gets good out of seeming bad:

- Gen.50:20 Ye thought evil...but God meant it to good
- Exo.14:1-28 [God hardened Pharaoh's heart to pursue the Hebrews, so that his entire army drowned & empire collapsed]
  - Psa.76:10 Surely the wrath of man shall praise Thee

# 3. Attitude to have during persecution:

# A. Be fearless & unmovable:

- Mat.10:28 Fear not them which kill the body
- Jer.1:17-19 Be not dismayed...they shall fight...but I am with thee
- Ezk.3:8,9 Fear them not, neither be dismayed at their looks
- Acts 20:24 None of these...move me, neither count I my life dear
- 1Thes.3:3 That no man should be moved by these afflictions...we are appointed thereunto
- 1Pet.2:20 When ye do well, & suffer for it...take it patiently
- Rev.12:11b And they loved not their lives unto the death
- (See also Phi.1:14)

# B. Have joy in persecution:

Mat.5:12 Rejoice & be exceeding glad...for so persecuted

Lk.6:22,23 When men hate you...rejoice...leap for joy

Acts 5:40,41 Rejoicing they were counted worthy to suffer shame

Rom.5:3 We glory in tribulations also

2Thes.1:4 We glory in you for your patience & faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that ye endure

1Pet.3:14 If ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye

1Pet.4:12-14 If ye be reproached for...Christ, happy are ye

## C. Do not be ashamed:

1Pet.4:16 If any suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed

Isa.50:7 I set my face like a flint...I shall not be ashamed

## D. Suffer willingly for a righteous cause:

Jer.15:15b For <u>Thy</u> sake I have suffered rebuke

Mat.5:10Blessed are they...persecuted for righteousness' sake

2Cor.12:10 I take pleasure in persecutions...for Christ's sake

2Thes.1:5 Counted worthy of Kingdom of God, for which ye suffer

1Pet.2:19 For conscience toward God...suffering wrongfully

## E. Examples of enduring persecution courageously:

Jeremiah (Jer.26:11-15); Paul & his companions (1Cor.4:12b); Paul (2Cor.6:4,5,8-10; 2Cor.11:23-27); Timothy (2Tim.1:8); Early Christians (Heb.10:32,33); Moses (Heb.11:25); Old & New Testament saints (Heb.11:35-40).

## F. Faithfulness to truth, despite persecution:

Psa.119:51 Proud have me...in derision, yet have I not declined

Psa.119:86b,87 They persecute me wrongfully; they almost consumed me...but I forsook not Thy precepts Psa.119:157 Many are my persecutors...yet I do not decline

Rev.2:13 Thou holdest fast...& hast not denied My faith, even in those days wherein...My martyr was slain

# G. Endure persecution because of love for the lost:

2Tim.2:10 I endure all things for the elect's sake, that they may obtain salvation (See also Jn.10:11)

Heb.5:7-9 He suffered...became the author of eternal salvation

1Pet.2:21 Christ <u>suffered</u> for <u>us</u> ...ye should follow His steps

## H. Examples of men of God imprisoned for their faith:

Old Testament saints: (Heb.11:36); Samson: (Judg.16:21); Micaiah: (1Ki.22:26,27); Hanani: (2Chr.16:10); Jeremiah: (Jer.37:11-16); Daniel: (Dan.6:16,17); John the baptist: (Mat.14:3,4); Peter & John: (Acts 4:1-3); Apostles: (Acts 5:16-18); Men & women Christians in Jerusalem: (Acts 8:3; 9:1,2,14; 22:4,5;19, 26:10); Peter: (Acts 12:1-4); Paul & Silas: (Acts 16:22-24); Paul's imprisonments: (2Cor.11:23b); Paul's final imprisonment: (Acts 24:27; 26:29; 28:16).

## 4. Reasons why persecutors attack Christians:

# A. Their goal is to stop the witness:

Jer.11:21 Prophesy not...that thou die not by our hand

Jn.11:47,48,53 If we let Him alone, all men will believe on Him. Then they took counsel to put Him to death Acts 4:17 That it spread no further...let us threaten them

(See also Rev.6:9; 11:7)

# B. Wicked, carnal men hate the righteous:

Gal.4:29 He that was born after the flesh persecuted him

- Psa.38:20 They are adversaries; because I follow...good
- Pro.29:27 He that is upright is abomination to the wicked
- Isa.59:15a He that departeth from evil maketh himself a prey
- Acts 7:52a Which of prophets have not your fathers persecuted?

1Pet.4:3,4 [Righteous despised for not joining drunken parties]

1Jn.3:12 Cain slew (Abel)...because his own works were evil

# C. Because truth is a witness against evil:

Jn.7:7 It (the world) hateth Me (Jesus), because I testify of it

- 1Ki.22:17-27 [Micaiah imprisoned for prophesying the truth]
- 2Chr.16:7-10 [Asa imprisons Hanani for prophesying against him]
- 2Chr.24:20,21 [King has Zechariah stoned for rebuking the people]
- Jer.32:2,3 [Jeremiah imprisoned for prophesying the truth]

Amos 5:10 They abhor him that speaketh uprightly

Acts 6:10-15 [Stephen stoned for rebuking Jews.--& Acts 7:51-60]

Rev.1:9 [John exiled to Patmos for preaching the Word]

(See also Rev.12:17; 20:4.)

# D. Ignorance of the truth:

- Acts 3:13,14 I wot that through ignorance ye did it (Also vs.17)
- 1Tim.1:13 (I) was a persecutor...I did it ignorantly in unbelief

## E. Do not truly know God:

Jn.5:18,38,42 Ye have not His Word...ye have not the love of God Jn.8:37 Ye seek to kill Me, because My Word hath no place

Jn.15:21 They (persecutors) know not Him (God) that sent Me

Jn.15:24b Now have they...hated both Me & My Father

Jn.16:3 Because they have not known the Father, nor Me

Acts 13:27,28 They knew Him not...nor yet the voices of prophets

## F. Self-righteous, misguided religious zeal:

Jn.16:2 Whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service (See also Isa.66:5)

Acts 13:50 Jews stirred up the <u>devout</u> & <u>honorable</u> women

Acts 21:27-32 Men of Israel, help: This is the man that teacheth

Acts 22:3,4 Zealous...I persecuted this way unto the death

Acts 23:12-14 [40 men vowed & conspired to kill Paul]

Acts 26:9-11 I thought I ought to do many things contrary to Jesus

Gal.1:13,14 Persecuted...being exceedingly zealous of traditions

Phi.3:6 Concerning zeal, persecuting the church

### G. For breaking religious traditions & doctrines:

Mat.12:10-14 Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath days?

Jn.5:16 [Angry Jews seek to kill Jesus for healing on Sabbath]

Jn.9:16a This man is not of God, because He keepeth not

Jn.10:31-33 For a good work we stone Thee not; but for blasphemy

## H. Religious jealousy & fear of competition:

Mat.27:18 For He knew that for <u>envy</u> they had delivered Him Mk.11:18 Feared Him, because people astonished at His doctrine

Acts 13:44,45 When the Jews saw the multitudes...filled with envy

Acts 17:5 Jews which believed not, moved with envy...assaulted

## I. Because we do not belong to this world:

Jn.15:19 Because ye are not of world...the world hateth you

Jn.17:14 World hated them, because they are not of the world

1Jn.4:5,6 They are of the world...we are of God

## J. Persecution by corrupt rich:

- Acts 19:23-27 By this craft we have our wealth...but Paul persuaded
- Jam.2:6b,7 Rich men oppress, draw you before judgment seat

Rev.17:1-6,18 That great city...drunken with the blood of saints

## K. Wickedness, pride:

Psa.10:2The wicked in his pride doth persecute the poor

Psa.74:22 The <u>foolish</u> man reproacheth Thee daily

Psa.119:69a The proud have forged a lie against me

## L. For refusing to compromise faith:

Dan.3:14-20 We will not serve thy gods, nor worship the...image

Dan.6:4,5 [Jealous princes accuse Daniel regarding his faith]

## M. For refusing to worship the Antichrist & his image:

Rev.13:14-17 As many as would not worship the image...be killed Rev.20:4 Beheaded...had not worshipped the beast

## N. For no valid reason at all:

Psa.119:86b They persecute me wrongfully

Psa.119:161 Princes have persecuted me without a cause

Jn.15:25 They hated Me without a cause (See also Psa.69:4)

## 5. <u>How</u>: Persecutors usually begin with verbal attacks:

## A. Slander, infamy, lies:

Psa.69:9-12 I became a proverb to them...they speak against me

Psa.119:51a The proud have had me greatly in derision

Mat.5:11 Men shall revile you...& say all manner of evil

Lk.6:22 Men shall reproach you, & cast out your name as evil

Lk.22:63-65 Men that held Jesus mocked Him...blasphemously spake

Acts 14:2 Made their minds evil affected against the brethren

Acts 28:22b This sect...everywhere it is spoken against

1Cor.4:13 <u>Defamed</u>...we are made as the <u>filth</u> of the world

(See also Psa.35:16,21)

### B. Persecutors twist words to defame:

## Isa.29:21 Make a man an offender for a word...lay a snare

Isa.56:5 Every day they wrest My Words...their thoughts evil

Mat.22:15 Took counsel how they might entangle Him in His talk

Mk.12:13 They send Pharisees...to catch Him in His words

Lk.11:53,54 Seeking to catch something out of His mouth, that they might accuse Him

Lk.20:20 Take hold of His Words...deliver Him to the governor

## C. Lying accusations & false charges:

Psa.35:11 False witnesses...laid to my charge things I knew not

Mat.26:59-61 Chief priests...sought false witness against Jesus

Lk.23:2 We found this fellow perverting the nation, & forbidding to give tribute (pay taxes)

Lk.23:5 [Sedition] He stirreth up the people

Jer.38:4 [Treason] Seeketh not the welfare...but the hurt

Acts 6:11-13 We have heard him speak blasphemous words

Acts 16:19-21 These men exceedingly trouble city...teach customs

Acts 17:5-7 These...do contrary to the decrees of Caesar

Acts 18:12,13 Persuadeth men to worship God contrary to the law

Acts 24:5 Pestilent, mover of sedition, ringleader of sect

2Tim.2:8,9 I suffer trouble as an <u>evil doer</u>, even unto bonds

(See also Psa.94:20)

## D. Character assassination:

Lk.7:34 Behold a gluttonous man & a wine-bibber

Jn.7:12 Nay; but He deceiveth the people

Jn.9:24b We know that this man (Jesus) is a sinner

## E. Accusations of being "of the devil":

Mat.10:24,25 They called (Jesus) "Beelzebub", how much more (us) Mat.9:34He casteth out devils through the prince of devils Mk.3:22 He hath Beelzebub, & by the prince of the devils Jn.8:48 Say we not well that Thou...hast a devil? Jn.10:20 Many said, He hath a devil...why hear ye Him?

## F. Charges of religious insanity:

Mk.3:21 Went to lay hold on Him: Said, He is beside Himself Jn.10:20 He...is mad: why hear ye Him?

Acts 26:24 Much learning [of the Scriptures] doth make thee mad

## G. Persecution through fear of society's disapproval:

Jn.9:22 Parents feared Jews: for Jews had agreed that if any Jn.12:42 [Some believing] chief rulers...did not confess Him, lest they be put out of the synagogue

## 6. Persecution from family & friends:

Jer.12:6 Thy brethren...have called a multitude after thee Mat.10:21 Brother shall deliver up the brother to death Mat.10:35,36 A man's foes shall be they of his own household Mk.3:21 Friends...went out to lay hold on Him Lk.12:51-53 There shall be five in one house divided Lk.21:16 Ye shall be betrayed by parents, brethren, friends Jn.7:1-5 [Jesus' brothers taunt Him to go endanger His life] 1Thes.2:14-16 Ye also have suffered...of your own countrymen Mk.6:4 Prophet is...without honor among kin, & in own house (See also Mic.7:2; Jn.1:11.)

## 7. The world persecuted & rejected Jesus:

## A. Evil plots & persecution against Jesus:

Mat.12:14 Held council against Him, how they might destroy Him Mat.26:3,4 Consulted that they might take Him by subtilty & kill

Lk.4:28,29 Led Him unto the hill...that they might cast Him down Lk.6:11 Filled with madness; & communed what they might do

Lk.19:47 Chief priests & scribes...sought to destroy Him

Jn.5:16 Therefore did Jews persecute Jesus, & sought to slay

Jn.11:57 Given commandment, if any man knew where He were

(See also Lk.20:20)

## B. Look to <u>Jesus</u>' example of suffering persecution:

Heb.12:2-4 Consider Him Who endured such contradiction

#### Isa.53:3,7,8 Despised & rejected of men...afflicted...cut off

Jn.15:18 The world...hated Me before it hated you

Jn.15:20 If they have persecuted Me, they will persecute you

Heb.13:13 Let us go forth unto Him...bearing His reproach

1Pet.2:21-23 Christ suffered for us, leaving us an example

1Pet.4:1 Christ suffered...arm yourselves with the same mind

## C. When persecuting Christians, they persecute <u>Jesus</u>:

Mat.25:40 Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these...ye have done it unto Me

Acts 9:1-5 Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou Me?

Zech.2:8b He that toucheth you toucheth the apple of His eye

Acts 5:38,39 Refrain from these men...lest ye fight against God

## **KEY PROMISES**

### Peace / Freedom from fear

My perfect love and the power of the keys cast out all apprehension and fear, so you can find peace.

No fear or worry of the Enemy can defeat the keys of peace. When you are tempted to fret or be fearful, lift the keys of peace, claiming their power, and all fear will abate.

Peace and calmness of spirit are found through the keys.

As you call on the keys of comfort and peace, you will feel My Spirit descend on you like a warm and comforting blanket. You will know that nothing can touch you, for you are surrounded and completely safe in My hands.

Peace found in the keys is yours to have at any time; it is but a prayer away.

There is no fear in the keys. Call on the keys and you will be freed from fear and liberated to do My will.

As you call on the keys and exert their power, you have nothing to fear—for no harm can befall the users of the keys.

Claim the power of the keys of peace and you will receive peace.

Through the power of the keys, neither fear nor worry will have any place in your heart.

Call on the keys and you can have complete peace of mind.

All fears will cease as you call on the keys.

You can overcome fear and worry by calling on the keys, knowing that My will will be done.

The keys of peace are a strong and solid foundation whereon you can stand steadfast, confident that no raging wind or fierce attack can rock the foundation of peace found through the keys.

The keys will give you the ability to face your fears head-on and overcome them.

Key power casts out all fear. There is freedom from all fear to those who call on the keys.

As you face your fears and call on the power of the keys, your fears will vanish.

When fears surround you on every side, shout out the words, "I call on the keys!"—And I will raise a force field around you that no fear can penetrate.

With the keys in your hand, you can conquer Satan's evil power. No fear nor darkness can stand against the keys.

Fight your fears in the power of the keys and there'll be no stopping you. All fear can be overcome with the keys.

The keys give perfect peace to those who call on their power.

The keys are light and strength and life. Call on the power of the keys and the darkness will flee.

When you feel a panic attack coming on, call on the keys immediately and nip it in the bud. The Enemy's attacks are in vain as long as you call upon the power of the keys.

When you struggle, when you're tempted, when you're hit with fear, call on the keys! Claim the power and deliverance that I have promised you from the mindsets and holds of Pan and Bacchus, and I will send reinforcements in the spirit to strengthen you.

### Persecution / Against our enemies

Satan's roaring is silenced through the power of the keys.

No force of this world can have power over you as you claim the keys and hold high the banner of their power.

Though you may be troubled on every side, you will not be distressed; perplexed, but not despairing; persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed. The keys of the Kingdom can work miracles for you that you never dreamed possible, if you'll only call upon them.

As you claim the keys of faith and stability, no storm of trouble will drown you, no wind of adversity will blow you away, and no troubling circumstances will defeat you.

Claim the keys of deliverance, and I will come right to your rescue and amaze you with My power.

There is no obstinate or perilous situation that the keys cannot alter, no complexity they cannot resolve.

There is no situation too difficult for Me to resolve in the best possible way when you call on the power of the keys.

As you call on the keys of confusion and destruction, the lies of your enemies will be stilled.

Claim the keys of courage and defense, and your faith and mettle will shine, blinding the Enemy.

Stand back and see Me fight on your behalf when you call on the keys of defense. I will be sure to do My part when you are faithful to call on the keys.

As you call on and wield the keys, I will give you power over every attack of the Enemy, to destroy his power.

When you call on the keys of conviction and remain strong in the truth, this immediately transforms the keys of protection and security into fiery swords to cut your enemies to the heart.

Call on the keys and I will fill your mouth with My Words that are mighty to the tearing down of the Enemy's strongholds.

The keys can anoint your spirit, mind, thoughts and words with heavenly wisdom, so you can answer any accusation brought against you and expose and destroy the lies of the Devil.

The keys of the Kingdom will empower you to conquer all who fight you, and to stand victorious over all evil.

As you reach up for the keys, every evil intention of your enemies will be destroyed.

Every enemy will fall under the power of the keys.

All power is given unto you through the keys to destroy Satan's work.

I will give you words of witness, testimony, and unequaled conviction and power through the keys of the Kingdom.

Use the keys turned to swords to fight desperately in prayer, and then rest assured that the power of your enemies is no match for the power I will wield on your behalf.

All things that rise against you will be put down by the power of the keys.

When the Enemy or enemies come in like a flood, you can lift up a standard against them through the keys and cause their attacks to come to naught.

The power of the keys will defeat all who oppose the Words of David.

When My children have departed from the faith, when they no longer choose to follow Me, when they refuse to repent of their waywardness, place them in My hands. As you commit them to Me, call on the power of the keys to release My power to work in their lives as no other can.

Wield the power of the keys against your enemies. Call for My hand to move on your behalf and I will bring to naught the works of all who fight My Words of truth and My Family.

None can stand against the keys of the Kingdom. None can stand against you when you call on the keys.

When you call on the keys of the Kingdom to release their power, no enemy can triumph over you, for I will repay.

No weapon that is raised against you can stand against the power of the keys.

I will deliver you from every evil work and preserve you to do My will as you call on the power of the keys.

In the power of the keys you will reign victorious over all the Earth. Call on the keys and ride on their power into the Golden Age that I have promised.

I am with the people of the keys. Call on the keys and I will fight for you and overcome all opposition.

I see those who commune in private, those who seek to lay a snare, whose words are full of venom, and whose desire is to destroy My work. These have no power to withstand the power of the keys of the Kingdom. Call on the keys and I will hide you from the secret counsel of the wicked.

Claim the power of the keys when the wicked rise against you, and I will curse those who curse you.

The keys will protect you from those who speak with lying tongues, and will stop the mouths of those whose intent is to cause My brides harm.

The forces of Satan will be turned into dust and blown away when you use the keys.

The power of the keys will calm the storm and still the waves of persecution and bad publicity.

All enemies of the children of David will be brought low by the power of the keys.

The keys will settle you and keep you through every storm and from all evil.

Call on the keys of deliverance and I will not forsake you, but I will fight your enemies and I will save you.

I will deliver from the wicked all those who put their faith in the keys.

All those who put their trust in the keys of the Kingdom and My Word will be safe.

Fear and dread have no place in the keys. Call on their power and I will go before you to fight the battles and to bring you victory.

My keys will be the valiant sword of the Lord to bring to naught the lies of your enemies. Claim them and see the angels of Heaven come to your defense!

Reach out to the power of the keys and I will deliver you from the hands of your enemies.

Claim the power of the keys to be released against your enemies, and stand back and see Me fight for you.

The power of the keys will silence the lying lips, confound and confuse the wicked, and bring to naught the devices of your enemies.

Call upon the keys of deliverance and protection to shield you from the Enemy's fury and tempests. The lies and fictions of your enemies will melt like wax in the presence of the fiery keys turned to swords!

The keys turned to swords are your most effective weapons of war! Wield them with power, authority, and conviction, and you will win great victories over your enemies!

The keys are able to turn into a boomerang of blessing or cursing, a balm of comfort and strength, or a rod of judgment. So call upon their judgment power in bringing just reward upon those who rise against you.

Prison doors will open with the keys of the Kingdom.

Fight your enemies and those who persecute you by wielding the keys turned to swords, and I will dispel the Enemy's fury and vaporous fiction.

Call upon the keys of protection and deliverance that they may hide you from the blast of the Evil One and those who seek to ensnare you.

Wielding the power of the keys, you have nothing to fear! No wickedness, no evil plan or device can stand before the presence of the keys!

Call upon the keys of revelation and foresight to reveal the devices and plans of those who seek your demise. The keys will lay a straight path before you that you may be preserved from every evil work.

To those who persecute you, who draw their sword and bend their bow against you, draw out your fiery keys turned to swords in delivering speedy recompense.

I will fight for you against your enemies as you call down the power of the keys.

Turn the keys, activate their power, and stand back and see Me fight for you.

#### **Protection / Security**

The power of the keys of protection will be a force field around you, so that no evil will befall you, nor any plague come nigh your dwelling.

Claim the miraculous power of the keys of the Kingdom that will blind eyes, change hearts, and open doors that no man can open. Claim their protection and you will be safe.

Your security and protection is of utmost importance to Me, and as you call on the keys and exercise your faith, I am able to strengthen your spiritual defenses and empower your guardian angels.

As you call on the power of the keys in obedience, yieldedness, and faith, I will send My angels to surround you, to guard you, and to keep you in all your ways.

When you call on the keys of protection, I erect a spiritual electrical fence that emits painful shocks to any demons that try to harm you, sending them reeling away in pain and fear.

Through the power of the keys, every scripture and promise of protection can be activated on your behalf.

Strong angels and spiritual warriors eagerly and instantly rise to your defense when you call on the keys of security.

Call on the keys of security and protection, and the Enemy will be unable to penetrate My spiritual force field around you.

When you sense an attack coming your way, immediately call on the keys of faith and protection. My spirit helpers will respond with prompt action to secure your surroundings, your person, and everything that concerns you.

Victory is yours when you call on the keys of protection and security.

Whether you feel vulnerable or secure, claim the keys of protection, and your heavenly bodyguards, enhanced with extra key power, instantly ensure that you are receiving the highest level of spiritual security.

Rebuke the attacks of the Enemy in the name of the keys, and his power will be destroyed. Nothing can stand against the power of the keys.

If you find yourself in a dangerous or frightening situation, call on the keys of deliverance and protection. Fighting angels and awesome spirit beings will be at your service in an instant, keeping you from all harm.

As you call on the keys of power and protection, My supernatural forces keep you safe each moment of your day.

When you call on the power of the keys of protection, My strong angels of defense who stand ready to keep you from harm will do whatever it takes to protect you.

Calling on the unlimited power of the keys is your greatest protection and assurance of safety.

For greater miracles, greater protection, greater security and safekeeping, call on the keys.

Your greatest protection lies in My Spirit in the power of the keys. Depend on the keys daily, call on their power, and I will protect you from all danger.

As the need for My supernatural protection and security grows more evident, you will see the power of the keys perform miracles in the midst of "impossible" situations.

Create an instant protective and impenetrable force field around you and your loved ones by calling on the keys of protection and deliverance.

The power of the keys will do whatever is necessary to protect and keep your security. Call on their power so that the force field of the keys stays constant and impenetrable.

Claim the keys of protection, which will enhance the security guard around you, and will give My angelic guard unhindered access to you.

There is nothing that can stand against the keys of Heaven, because they represent the power of love, and nothing can stand against love.

Call on the power of the keys and you will be safe, surrounded by the forces of Heaven.

The Enemy's attacks will be foiled as you call on the keys of My protection, power and plenty.

No weapon of the Enemy can stand against the power of the keys.

The keys are your strong defense, a constant help in every time of trouble. The keys are a strong tower. Call on their power and you will be safe from all harm or danger.

The keys of protection open the door of safety and refuge in the fortress of the Lord.

Everything that is perfect, loving, beautiful, peaceful, true, just, safe, secure, and heavenly can be obtained through the power of the keys.

The Enemy's power has been unleashed upon the ends of the Earth, but the Evil One's power will not touch Mine anointed who hold high the standard and power of the keys of the Kingdom.

When you activate the keys through obedi-ence and calling on their power, I am able to create a force field of protection around you.

Call on the keys of protection to guard you from all fear and danger, and to shield you from harm.

Claim the keys for My protection against fires, falls, floods, children's injuries, kitchen accidents, lightning storms, car accidents, or whatever it is that concerns you. I am strong and powerful, and will protect you from all harm.

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