

## “A Good Expected End”

I pray that the Lord will encourage you with hope and strength from His Word as you read this article.

In these days when the news people are telling of all the horrendous things that are going on in the world (its their job) we need to get everything in perspective with eternity.

The Bible says that these are temporal things. I know it may seem like it is not temporal and things may seem bigger than you could ever overcome, but the Bible is truth and it is really just temporal. 2 Cor. 4:18 (KJV) ‘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.’

Our lives, in light of eternity, are no more than grass in the wind. (Isaiah 40:6-8) Our lives here on this planet are just a short, minuscule, tiny spec on the time line of eternity.

God had a plan from the beginning of creation to make a way to have relationship with human beings. He created Adam and Eve and “it was good”. They fell because of disobedience. He had to go to the back up plan to reconcile man to God. He did that through His Son, Jesus the Messiah. When we accept His substitute for our sins and accept Him as Savior then we need to know that God has good plans for us. He says, “It is good”.

In Jeremiah 29:11 He speaks to us: “ For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.” He has good thoughts towards His children, good plans for His children and a good expected end for His children. That expected end will overcome all of the stuff that is going on here on this planet and in your universe.

When people are speaking of World War 3, exorbitant gas prices, recession, Tsunami’s, earthquakes, be assured that God has plans for your good when you know Jesus as your Savior. Some might say that God is teaching us a lesson through all of this destruction but that is not what the Word says! It says in John 10:10 that “The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly” So you have to judge every event in this world and in your life by 1) if it is stealing, killing or destroying then it is not from God it is from the devil. 2) if it is life and that more abundantly then it is from God.

Don’t be in fear of lack or destruction. The Bible says that Luke 21:26 (KJV) ‘Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.’ Men who don’t know Jesus and men who don’t know the peace of God will have their hearts fail them because of fear. Don’t let that be you. Be led by peace—the Peace that comes from knowing there is a God and that God cares for you and has your best interest in His thoughts and heart.

God promised us in Genesis 8:21-22 that He would no longer curse the earth or destroy everything like He did in the flood but that as long as the earth remains there will be seedtime and harvest, winter and summer, day and night and they would not cease. Be reassured and encouraged by these words. God

is love 1 John 4 and He loves you and has good plans for you, not plans for evil or destruction.

When you are feeling less than courageous, when you see the news— Shut it off! — open your Bible and let God encourage you through it!

He promises in the Psalms that you will lack no good thing if you let Him lead you like a Shepherd. Ps.23. He promises in 2 Cor 2:14 that He leads us to triumph in everything. Triumph means to have victory like a victorious soldier returning from the battle. Victory over all of the circumstances in this temporal life. He always leads us into Triumph! (If we let Him lead.)

John 3:16 says 'For God so loved the world (mankind) that He sent His one and only Son, that whosoever believeth on Him would have eternal life.' If you don't know Jesus as your Savior ask Him into your heart today. Ask Him to forgive you of your sins. Give your life to Him and give your cares to Him. He loves you. He will make "good" the life that you give back to Him. He will give you a "good" expected end. You will never have to fear over these temporal things again. Seek first the Kingdom of God and He will take care of all your needs, lacks, sicknesses and any problems that you have in your life. (Matthew 6:25-34)

Finally, Philippians 4:4-9 Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice. [5] Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. [6] Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. [7] And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. [8] Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. [9] Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.

The God of peace will be with you when you practice these verses. First of all, REJOICE and know that God is near you. 2. Pray with thanksgiving, make your requests to God. 3. Bask in the peace of God because you believe this Word and trust Him. 4. Think on positive, uplifting things, not on the negative reports of this world.

If you have been overwhelmed with the circumstances of your life or of this world just practice these few verses. Be encouraged that the God of peace is with you when you cast all your anxieties on Him. Trust God. He has good plans for you. He has a good expected end for you.

Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ. Titus 2:13 (KJV) AMEN. So be it!

John 16:33 These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

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