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True Fellowship With God & The Greatness of Your Calling

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Dear Brethren,

The entire world is now facing a desperate crisis—the coronavirus pandemic. This rapidly spreading unseen enemy is causing tremendous distress. Originating in Wuhan, China, “COVID-19” has now spread to 140 nations, striking hundreds of thousands; tens of thousands have died.

Yet Jesus warned us that at the time of the end, leading up to the Great Tribulation, we would face such times of trouble, anguish, and death. When these come, we need to draw closer to God the Father and Jesus Christ in true fellowship, trusting in the power and promises of God.

With that in mind, we are sending you this special DVD with an inspiring message entitled *True Fellowship With God and The Greatness of Your Calling*. Its purpose is to help you understand how awesome your calling truly is. Indeed, as we live through this (and any future) crisis, we need to focus our minds and hearts on the magnificent plan and purpose of God—and our part in that plan. God has given us the earnest of the Holy Spirit so that when Jesus returns we will be resurrected and receive eternal life as spirit beings—sons and daughters of God the Father!

King David—an Example of Godly Trust and Faith: David was a man after God’s own heart because he trusted in God at all times, especially in times of trouble—even war: “**The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?** When the wicked, my enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell. Though an army should encamp against me, **my heart shall not be afraid;** though war should rise against me, even then **I will be confident**” (Psa. 27:1-3).

David kept his mind on the hope of his calling, desiring it with all of his heart—to be with the Lord and attain the Kingdom of God: “One thing I have desired from the LORD, that **I will seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD** and to inquire in His temple. **For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion,** in the secret place of His tabernacle He shall hide me; He shall set me upon a rock. And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies round about me; therefore, I will offer sacrifices with shouts of joy in His tabernacle. I will sing; yea, I will sing praises unto the LORD. Hear, O LORD, when I cry with my voice; and be gracious unto me and answer me” (verses 4-7).

Because of his faith and trust, God helped David. Notice how he sought God with all his being: “O God, You, are my God, **earnestly I will seek You! My soul thirsts for You.** My flesh longs for You, as in a dry and thirsty land where no water is, to see Your power and Your glory—as I have seen You in the sanctuary. Because Your lovingkindness is better than life, my lips shall praise You. Thus, I will bless You as long as I live; I will lift up my hands in Your name.... **Because You have been my help, therefore in the shadow of Your wings I will rejoice. My soul follows hard after You; Your right hand upholds me**” (Psa. 63:1-4, 7-8).

This is how we need to trust in God so that we too may receive help and strength in times of trouble: “But the salvation of the righteous is from the LORD; **He is their strength in the time of trouble. And the LORD shall help them and deliver them; He shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them because they take refuge in Him**” (Psa. 37:39-40).

Even in serious and desperate times, we can claim the promises of God for protection. He will have His angels watch over us and keep us from trouble. “He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, ‘**He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in Whom I will trust. Surely He will deliver you from the fowler’s trap and from the destroying pestilence.**

“ ‘He shall cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you shall take refuge. His truth shall be your shield and buckler. You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, nor for the arrow that flies by day, nor for the plague that walks in darkness, nor for the destruction laying waste at noonday. **A thousand may fall at your side and ten thousand at your right hand; it shall not come near you.** Only with your eyes you shall behold and see the recompense of the wicked. Because you have made the LORD, Who is my refuge, even the Most High, your habitation, **no evil shall befall you, nor shall any plague come near your dwelling, for He shall give His angels charge over you to keep you in all your ways.** They shall bear you up in their hands, lest you dash your foot against a stone. You shall tread upon the lion and asp; the young lion and the jackal you shall trample underfoot. Because he has set his love upon Me [*We have set our love upon God!*], therefore I will deliver him; I will set him on high because he has known My name. He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him; **I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honor him.** With long life [eternal life] I will satisfy him, and show him My salvation’ ” (Psa. 91:1-16).

When we trust in God, and love and follow Him, He will lead us and teach us His truth: “To You, O LORD, do I lift up my soul. O my God, I trust in You; do not let me be ashamed, let not my enemies triumph over me. Yea, let none who wait on You be ashamed; let them be ashamed who deal treacherously without cause. **Show me Your ways, O LORD; teach me Your paths. Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation;** on You do I wait all the day long. Remember, O LORD, Your tender mercies and Your lovingkindness, for they have been of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions; according to Your lovingkindness remember me for Your goodness’ sake, O LORD. **Good and upright is the LORD; therefore He will teach sinners in the way.** The meek He will guide in judgment; and the meek He will teach His way. **All the paths of the LORD are mercy and truth to those who keep His covenant and His testimonies**” (Psa. 25:1-10). And again, “The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in Him, and I am helped. Therefore, my heart greatly rejoices, and with my song I will praise Him. The LORD is their strength, and He is the saving strength of His anointed” (Psa. 28:7-8).

Here is Jesus’ personal promise that He will *always* be with us: “[F]or He has said, ‘**In no way will I ever leave you; no—I will never forsake you in any way.**’ So then, let us boldly say, ‘*The Lord is my helper, and I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?*’ ” (Heb. 13:5-6).

The apostle Peter writes, “For this reason, brethren, **be even more diligent to make your calling and election sure; because if you are doing these things, you will never fall at any time.** For in this way, you will be richly granted an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ” (II Pet. 1:10-11).

With love in Christ Jesus,

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