CHAPTER 5

DEFINING THE "FEAR OF THE LORD"

...."For the Lord spoke thus to me with His strong hand upon me, and warned and instructed me not to walk in the way of this people, saying, "Do not call conspiracy (or hard, or holy) all that this people will call conspiracy (or hard, or holy); neither be in fear of what they fear, nor (make others afraid and) in dread. The Lord of hosts, regard Him as holy and honour His holy name (by regarding Him as your only hope of safety), and let Him be your fear and let Him be your dread...."

Isaiah 8:11-13 Ampl. Translation

DEFINING THE WORD "FEAR"

The Father has instructed me to look at two different areas which - up until this time - have been widely misunderstood in the church, and they have to do with "fear". We find the word fear throughout both the Old Testament and the New Testament and, as we will clearly see, the word has two very distinct meanings. Today in our society the word fear has a different meaning to each individual in the earth. In former times, particularly in the time the King James Bible was written, the main meaning for the word fear in the English language was "to revere or have a healthy respect of", and there were other words such as dread or terror which were used to denote that negative aspect of fear. In Hebrew the word "vare" means to fear, to revere, to respect, and this is the word which is used continually - as we shall see in the scriptures we look at - concerning our command to "fear the Lord thy God". The word "pachad" in Hebrew means to dread or to be in dread of, and this word was used to denote cowardice or timidity. Many children of God today remain in bondage to a spirit of fear which prevents them from developing a proper relationship with the Heavenly Father. If Satan is, in any way, able to keep the child of God functioning in the realm of the five physical senses THEN he will continually have an opportunity to plant seeds of fear within the mind and heart of the believer. It is for this reason that we must define every aspect of the word fear as it is found in the Word of God.

"MY HEART WILL NOT FEAR"

Every child of God must have within their heart the clear and exact knowledge which can only be revealed to them by the Spirit of God - concerning the command found in Luke 10:27 for us to:

...."love the Lord your God with all your heart"....

for this is a portion of scripture which is very frequently "mentally ascended" to, or, just as bad, it is ignored all together by those, who through unbelief and ignorance, think it impossible to obey this command while in this earth (the latter being little more than an excuse to remain in reliance upon their flesh - rather than pursuing the life of faith they are called to - in order that they might please themselves instead of the Lord). If the child of God is truly ready to have this command made a reality in their heart then they must seek the Word of God in ALL that they do. If the believer who seeks to serve the Lord with a pure heart does not keep themselves continually rooted and grounded in the Word then Satan, who comes immediately to take the Word out (and indeed persecution does arise because of the Word), will be enabled to - in some way - keep that believer in bondage to fear (Mark 4:14-19). If there is within the child of God ANY area which is "governed" by fear then Satan will be able to vent his attack at this weakest point of that believer continually. The one positive aspect to this is that when the believer retaliates with the weapons of their warfare they will begin to replace the fear-filled thoughts (lies), which came as a result of the attack of the Evil One, with the faith-filled promises of God, and by this continuous reaction of resisting the Evil One they will soon be able to say along with David in Psalm 27:3:

...."My heart will not fear"....

THEY QUICKLY RETREATED INTO THE FALSE SECURITY OF THEIR OWN UNDERSTANDING

If the believer chooses not to resist the Evil One at every turn then they will be slowed up in their quest for spiritual growth, and will be kept in a state of being neutralized in their effectiveness as a soldier in Christ. Many children of God have come into the Kingdom on fire for the Lord, but as soon as circumstances began to differ from their way of thinking they quickly retreated into the "false security" of their own understanding - thus enabling Satan to gain a temporary advantage in their lives due to the ground of fear which was in them at the time. Many believers - because of their fear of the persecution which arises because of the Word - stop seeking and pursuing the fulness of their calling and the "development" of their relationship with the Heavenly Father. We MUST fill our hearts continually with the Word of God and we MUST make it our sole measuring stick for every facet of our lives. The Father has some very special plans for His Church, but it must be known that we are not going to become the "spotless and unblemished" Church (Ephesians 5:27) by living within the world system and being conformed to it! The Bride of Christ will come into her fulness as each child of God develops a close and intimate relationship with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit - by continually putting God's Word first in their lives.

THE FAITH-FILLED PROMISES OF GOD

In Isaiah 8:11-13 the Word of God states:

...."For thus the Lord spoke to me with mighty power and instructed me not to walk in the way of this people, saying, "You are not to say, it is a conspiracy!" In regard to all that this people call a conspiracy, and you are not to fear what they fear or be in dread of it. It is the Lord of Hosts whom you should regard as holy and He shall be your dread"....

It has always been the will of the Father to have His children love Him with their whole heart and soul and body and strength - thus directing every one of their energies to serving and pleasing Him. If the children of God truly love their Heavenly Father they will become attentive to what He has said - and therefore inclined to being obedient in doing all that He has commanded. This is precisely the type of relationship the Father desires with each one of His children. In the above passage of scripture it is written in verse 13 (Amplified Translation):

...."The Lord of Hosts, regard Him as holy and honour His holy name by regarding Him as your only hope of safety, and let Him be your fear and let Him be your dread, lest you offend Him by your fear of man and distrust of Him. And He shall be for a sanctuary - a sacred and indestructible asylum to those who reverently fear and trust in Him".... As the believer begins to place their trust and faith entirely upon God, the fears of this "temporary", evil world will dissipate. As the believer's heart is filled with the faith-filled promises of God, the fear-filled lies of the Evil One will be replaced, allowing them to truly love the Lord with ALL their heart. From this passage in Isaiah 8 we can see clearly that it is an offensive thing to the Father for His children to have ANY hope or trust in the temporal things of this world. If the believer is placing their "trust" (faith) in the "things below", fear will enter into their heart - for in doing so, they will constantly "allow" themselves to meditate on the fear-filled lies of the Evil One. The child of God is only able to exercise true love and faith in their Heavenly Father as their heart is "filled" with the faith-producing words of God.

"TRUST ENTIRELY IN HIM AND IN HIS WORD"

Therefore, from these things, we can see why the Evil One will always attempt to get the eyes of the believer upon themselves, and on the things which are perceived by the five physical senses. It is in this way that Satan will pervert and direct man's worship to himself instead of God. In other words, as the believer trusts in, and depends upon, the lies of the Evil One, their heart will be filled with words of fear. They will THEN in turn be spoken out of the "abundance" of their heart (Matthew 12:34-36) - thus putting into effect the law of sin and death everywhere they goe. The Father's way for His children to be led into true praise and worship of Him is for them to trust ENTIRELY in Him and in His Word. Then, as they obey the command to meditate in His Word day and night (Joshua 1:8), their hearts will be filled to overflowing with love and faith, and as they go forth out into the world their words - which come from the abundance of their hearts - will be words of life (not death) and faith (not fear), and thus they will continually put into effect the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus everywhere they go (Romans 8:2)! It was the will of the Father for man to ALWAYS depend on Him for ALL things! This was not because He wanted a robot-like creature, but rather, a loving child who would walk and talk and fellowship with Him, continually partaking of His Wisdom and power, in order to fulfil any task which was given to them. In short, to be one with His Creator.

"TO THE HEART THAT IS TRULY WILLING TO DO THE WILL OF THE FATHER - THEY SHALL KNOW OF THE TEACHING"

These things may disturb a great deal of theology and "religious" thinking, but to the heart that is truly willing to do the will of the Father in all things they shall know of the teaching, whether it is from God or not (John 7:17) and what at first may seem strange to them, will become a living reality in the heart of the believer who will continually destroy speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the true knowledge of God (Word of God), thus bringing their every thought captive to the Word of God rather than the lies of the Evil One (2 Corinthians 10:5). This will allow the Spirit of God, Who dwells within us, to reveal to our hearts the truth about all the things we come across in this life and we will no longer be tossed to and fro by every wind of doctrine we see or hear, for our entire lives will be based upon the infallible Rock of "revealed knowledge".

* revealed knowledge * - or revelation knowledge is knowledge which is revealed to our spirit by the Holy Spirit apart from the five physical senses. When we mentally ascend to the Word of God the eyes of our spirit are closed to what God sees. As the child of God places their total reliance on the Holy Spirit as their teacher, revelation knowledge is born and the eyes of their spirit are opened to see as the Father sees.

FEAR OF PERSECUTION IS THE DIRECT RESULT OF IGNORANCE

In Proverbs 3:25-26 the Word of God states:

...."Do not be afraid of sudden fear, nor of the onslaught of the wicked when it comes, for the Lord will be your confidence, and will keep your foot from being caught"....

In this passage God is exhorting His people to "not allow" themselves to be deceived by any storms of life which Satan will try to surround them with, for indeed it is written in 2 Timothy 3:12:

...."all who desire to live Godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted"....

We should not shrink back at the thought or experience of persecution - as if

it had the capacity to defeat us! Many believers remain in fear of persecution because they are ignorant of the provision God has made for each of His children to walk above the evil in this world and any manifestation thereof, for indeed His grace is sufficient (1 Corinthians 12:9)! In knowing that the Word of God states that we will experience persecution EVERY child of God must seek to FULLY realize that we are more than conquerors through Christ Jesus (Romans 8:37), and that He will NEVER fail us nor forsake us. Each time persecution arises for the Word's sake it is Satan's full intention to move the child of God away from the Word any way that he can, for the Word of God - "active" in the heart of the believer - spells devastating defeat for him (the Evil One) and, on the other hand, great victory for the believer who will exercise the authority they have been given in this earth (Luke 10:19). The literal meaning of the phrase "The Lord will be your confidence" (Proverbs 3:26) is translated "The lord will be at your side." Every child of God must come to the full realization that our beloved Lord is with us wherever we go, and also that we are the temple of God and the Spirit of God dwells in us. It is certain that "greater is He that is within us than he that is in the world" (1 Corinthians 3:16) (1 John 4:4)!

SATAN'S TWO-FOLD PURPOSE

In Proverbs 8:13 (Amplified Translation) it is written:

...."The reverent fear and worshipful awe of the Lord includes the hatred of evil. Pride, arrogance, the evil way, and perverted and twisted speech I hate. I have counsel and sound knowledge, I have understanding, I have might and power"....

As the believer continually seeks to worship the Lord with all their heart they will come to learn what it means to walk at ALL times in the "fear" of the Lord. This word fear used here is speaking of the reverence and respect which our Heavenly Father is worthy of - in every way. It was never meant to be a "respect" which was - in any way - connected with "compulsion", or fear of unjust or cruel punishment. The Evil One has perverted the truth and has caused it to appear to many that our Heavenly Father is a cruel "authoritarian" God who would harm His children if they stepped out of line in any way. Satan had a two-fold purpose in distorting the true character of God. His first purpose was to lure the people's attention and faith away from the Word of God - in order to destroy them outside the covenants of promise. Secondly, in the process he would, in his perverted mind, secure the fear of the people. Thus, the bondage he held them under he would receive as them worshipping him. It is little wonder that as we worship the Lord in Spirit and in Truth continually there will arise within us a distinct distaste for anything that proceeds from evil, and we will seek whole-heartedly to undo the works of Satan and set free those who are under the yoke of his bondage. Again, it is certain that as the child of God draws nearer and nearer to their Heavenly Father they will experience - to a continually greater degree - what an "abomination" Satan is in His holy sight! In this passage in Proverbs 8:13-14 we see that in the Father and His Word are all the counsel and sound - or true - knowledge which are needed for us to walk in the fulness of our calling in this earth. We also see that it is ONLY His power and might which will allow us to walk in perfect obedience to the knowledge of His will at all times. It is for this reason that every believer is called to revere and respect the Lord with all their strength for - the Heavenly Father desires every one of His children to walk in the "absolute best" He has provided for him in Christ Jesus.

ONE MUST BE BOTH WILLING AND FAITHFUL TO CAST EVERY THOUGHT DOWN WHICH EXALTS ITSELF ABOVE THE WORD OF GOD!

In Proverbs 9:10 (Amplified Trans.) the Word of God states:

...."The reverent and worshipful fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight and understanding"....

As the child of God seeks - first and foremost - the Kingdom and the "true" knowledge of the Father they will have taken their first step of casting down any desire to lean upon their own understanding - in order that they might replace that desire with the wisdom and understanding of God. Therefore, as each believer begins to respect and revere the commandments of their Heavenly Father - above all else - they will gain fresh insight continually into the knowledge and wisdom of God, which will, in turn, create in them the true and undistorted nature of our dear Heavenly Father. Indeed, as this process of separation unto the Father and His Word is steadfastly maintained, the child of God will experience an ever deepening - and more intimate - relationship with every Person of the God Head and the heart of the Father will begin to become clearer and clearer in the heart of the believer. As the believer comes to the full realization that the thoughts of God

are indeed higher than even the highest thought which proceeds from the mind of man, they will forsake ALL dependence upon themselves and begin to measure every circumstance of their life by the Word of God - and thus their mind will begin to conform to the Father's way rather than their own. This surely is a key turning point in the life of the believer - for until one is willing to cast down "every thought" which is not in accordance with the "revealed" Word of God they will, in some way, be sowing to the flesh. This allows corruption and darkness to rob us of the life which Jesus came to give to us more abundantly (John 10:10).

As one "allows" the Word of God to "flood" their heart the wisdom of God will begin to flow through into every facet of their life and ministry and every problem will be resolved and every manifestation of evil will come to light. In this process of continually giving the Word of God preeminence that one shall be "restored" into their proper positioning in the Kingdom - according to the perfect will of the Father.

THE SANCTITY OF THE CHURCH AND THE FAMILY

In this last hour God will do great miracles in our families - and in the Church - as both parents and children seek His Wisdom. He will restore the sanctity of the family within the Body of Christ - for the family is holy and precious in His sight. Satan will be driven out of the midst of all those who are truly seeking God in this last hour by the Spirit of God - as He comes to dwell and make His abode in the heart of every believer. It is certain that Jesus Christ must be made the Lord of every marriage and family in order that it be protected from the schemes of the Evil One for we, in the Body of Christ, are not ignorant of his scheme to destroy the family structure as ordained by God. Therefore, let us guard our hearts with all diligence and take the authority we have been given in Christ Jesus and drive the Evil One out of our families and out of the midst of our congregations! Once the believer begins to operate in godly Wisdom they will begin to see the perfection of God manifested continually in their life, and once they have seen and experienced this perfection they will be even more determined to serve the Father with a pure heart.

"MANY CHILDREN OF GOD STILL REFUSE TO GIVE THEMSELVES WHOLLY TO THE FATHER AND HIS WORD"

As the child of God begins to walk continually on the Word of God they

will truly experience what it means in Isaiah 58:14 where it is written:

...."I will make you ride on the heights of the earth"....

In spiritual terms this means that - in operating with "both feet" firmly planted in the Kingdom of Heaven and our eyes fixed on Jesus - we will be enabled supernaturally to walk above the temporal (temporary) evils of this present world, controlling and changing, by our faith in God's Word, anything which is not in accordance with His will.

In Proverbs 10:27 the Word of God states:

...."The reverent and worshipful fear of the Lord prolongs one's days, but the years of the wicked shall be made short"....

It is the Father's for each one of His children to live a long and satisfying life - beholding the fulness of His wondrous salvation as we go (Psalm 91:61). As the child of God continually sows to the Holy Spirit, they will continually reap the life they are promised in Christ - thus enabling the Father to reveal to them an abundance of His truth and peace throughout their time on earth. In the same way those - whose first and foremost desire is to sow to the flesh will reap darkness and corruption in their walk and the life of God within them will be affected in the same way a living cell is affected by a cancerous cell, it's life will slowly but surely be drained away - leaving only death in its wake. It is sad to say that many children of God still refuse to give themselves wholly to the Father and His Word! Because of this the Evil One has been enabled to continually deceive them with his lies - causing them to spiral off into deep spiritual darkness, far removed from the absolute life and light and love their Heavenly Father desires them to have. There is a need for a "deep and thorough" repentance in the church in order that the way for the Lord's return be perfectly prepared. For He is coming to receive His beloved Bride - spotless and unblemished. Therefore, it is of great importance and necessity that EVERY believer have EVERY root of sin (ground of fear) which remains within them removed by the power of the Holy Spirit - in order that they might be prepared perfectly and enter into the fulness of their destiny (destination) in Christ. It is no secret that those who seek the Lord in all that they set their hand to will experience the fulness of life which is their rightful inheritance in Christ and, as the "true" or "exact" knowledge of the Word of God

is preached throughout the land many will repent of the many years they "allowed" themselves to be robbed by the Evil One. Thus, they shall experience the reality of Father's will and purpose for their lives.

THE PEACE THAT PASSES ALL UNDERSTANDING AND THE LOVE THAT SURPASSES ALL KNOWLEDGE

In Proverbs 14:26-27 (Amplified Translation) it is written:

...."In the reverent and worshipful fear of the Lord is strong confidence, and His children shall always have a place of refuge. Reverent and worshipful fear is a fountain of life, that one may avoid the snares of death"....

The expression "strong confidence" denotes an unshakable trust and security. This is exactly what the "world" is desperately searching for and exactly why the Evil One is desperately trying to keep people away from the anointed Word of God - for in the Word of God is the perfect provision for their deepest needs. How important it is for each one of us, as children of God, to be bright and shining lights amidst the darkness of this present world system! As we are, all who cross our path will SURELY see in us the peace that passes all understanding and the love which surpasses all knowledge. For too long Jesus Christ has been misrepresented by the church, and truly it is time for all of us to get in "one accord" in order that the "living" Christ might be continually manifested in the face of Satan's lies. "His children shall always have a place of refuge" is a promise that we can always depend on regardless of what alarming circumstances may surround us for it is written:

...."He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty"....

Psalm 91:1

As the child of God takes their refuge in the Heavenly Father they will soon find that they are in a place where no evil can do them any "lasting" harm. This place of refuge is a continual shelter from the storms of life - and regardless of what the Evil One attempts against us he will always fall FAR short of his intended goal. It is in this place where one will truly begin to appreciate the faithfulness of the Heavenly Father and the tenderness of His lovingkindnesses

towards us. It is in these deeper areas of our relationship with the Father that we will see and experience the "tenderness and affection" which He is able to shower upon those of His children who will draw near to Him. He loves each one of His children, but some will not allow themselves to draw near to Him because of the fear which is in them. This fear is caused by the wilful sin (rebellion) which they continue to retain in their lives - refusing (in their fear and blindness) to resist temptation, and every scheme of the Evil One. Thus, when the manifested presence of God comes near to them they cower before Him in fear - running from Him instead of to Him. How deeply it grieves the heart of the Father to see His children draw back from Him! For He longs to hold them tenderly in His loving arms and comfort ALL of their fears. How often, through hard-heartedness, have we trampled the tender love of God under our feet? How often because of our thoughtlessness and pride have we continued to ignore His wondrous Salvation which has been provided to cover EVERY aspect of our lives? How blessed are those who will seek Him with a pure heart for they shall indeed see the fulness of God in all of His Majesty and Splendoured Beauty!

"ALL THOSE WHO TRULY LOVE GOD ARE NO LONGER WILLING TO SETTLE FOR SOME DILUTED DOCTRINE WHICH WAS FORMED IN THE MINDS OF MEN AND DEMONS"

We see in Proverbs 14:27 that the Lord says:

...."Reverent and worshipful fear of the Lord is a fountain of life, that one may avoid the snares of death"....

and it is also written in Psalm 91:2-4:

...."I will say to the Lord, my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust! For it is He who delivers you from the snare of the trapper, and from the deadly pestilence. He will cover you with His pinions, and under His wings you may seek refuge; His faithfulness is a shield and a bulwark"....

As the child of God partakes of the abundant life which belongs to them in Christ, fountains (torrents) of life will flow forth from them through the words they speak, and the forces of death will have to flee. In this last hour, as more and more believers empty themselves to be filled and consumed by the Holy Spirit, we

will see continually greater manifestations of the power of God in the earth, and we shall walk as the Glorious Church in the earth in the time before we are "caught away" to dwell in the presence of our Lord forever! Bit by bit the lies of the Evil One are being exposed by the light of the Holy Spirit and all those who "truly" love God are no longer willing to settle for some "diluted" doctrine which was formed in the minds of men and demons! They want the uncompromised truth! and as they have cried out in prayer the Father has met their need by raising up men and women in the five-fold ministry (apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers) who will walk in the fulness of their calling without any compromise in their ministry. It is indeed an exciting time for those who would forsake all to follow Jesus Christ - for they shall surely ride the crest of this tidal wave of the Holy Spirit which is beginning to flood the earth. Great and powerful manifestations of God will be seen in the earth in this last hour and will leave many wondering why they held on to the things which only served to cause them to miss the Father's "best" in this crucial hour. Pray and intercede for those whom you know to be in this situation that the Father might lead them to repentance and the knowledge of the Truth!

THE LACK OF A HOLY REVERENCE FOR THE FATHER AND HIS WORD: THE MAIN CATALYST TO INACCURACY AND ERROR!

In Proverbs 15:33 (Amplified Trans.) the Word of God states:

.... "The reverent and worshipful fear of the Lord brings instruction in wisdom, and humility comes before honour"....

As the child of God diligently seeks and pursues that wisdom which is "from above" they will not take - as their "final" authority - that which has been spoken to them by "flesh and blood", but rather they will place all their emphasis, and take - as their final authority - the revealed knowledge of God they have received from the Holy Spirit. It takes an act of humbling ourselves before the Lord in order to be taught by His Spirit. If one does not continually put aside their own understanding in ALL things they will SURELY be found in a place outside the will of God for their lives. Thus, they shall be found "misrepresenting" the Father and His Word in some way! Many who have been called to the ministry have left themselves in this position through a lack of holy reverence and thus they have allowed inaccuracy and error to creep silently into their ministry! We must remain constantly in intercession for all of our brothers and sisters who have "allowed" the Evil One to lure them off of the "narrow path". For no longer will men, who continue to spew forth lies from the pulpit, stand in the face of this outpouring of the Spirit which shall be poured forth upon all flesh. The words and actions of our beloved Master will be both swift and decisive in this last hour! Many who are in prominent positions within the church - and have hardened their heart towards the Lord - will be removed from their position. For He will not have vessels of evil in the midst of the congregation leading the sheep astray (Jeremiah 23:1-4)!

"QUALITY DECISIONS"

In Proverbs 19:23 it is written:

...."The reverent worshipful fear of the Lord leads to life, and he who has it shall rest (sleep) satisfied; he cannot be visited with actual evil"....

Once again we see that the first step in desiring to walk in the absolute life of God is a "quality decision"

"quality decision" - is a decision made in the heart of the believer KNOWING that with God's help and empowerment they will never violate it - a decision from which there is no "retreat". This "decision" is always the product of a deep and abiding revelation of God's Word in the area they are standing on.

to put the Word of God first place in their lives - for the place of God's Word in our lives is the place God has! The same honour and respect we give to the Word of God, we give to God. We do not love God more than we love His Word. We do not honour God more than we honour His Word. We do not obey God more than we obey His Word. The test of our relationship to God is our relationship to His Word. Our attitude towards God's Word is our attitude towards God.

In Proverbs 23:17 (Amplified Translation) it is written:

...."Let not your heart envy sinners, but continue in the reverent and worshipful fear of the Lord all the day long"....

As believers, we MUST keep our eyes fixed on Jesus - the author and developer of faith - rather than "allow" our eyes to fix themselves on the things of the "world". For in keeping our eyes fixed on the Word of God we will be enabled (empowered) to continually "thrust" aside the temptations and the lust for other things which are apart from God - and thus we will remain in the path of perfect obedience continually. The highest form of the reverential fear and worship of the Lord is when the children of God empty themselves to become fully dependent on the Father and His Word in all things. What the Heavenly Father desires most of all within the hearts of His children is that love which comes only from a deep and unshakable trust in Him. As we daily receive His love, which is continually shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, we are THEN able to reach out with the love we have so gloriously received and return that love to the Father by obeying His commandments and keeping His Word. As we are faithful to continually love Him with ALL of our heart, the captives will be set free as we venture forth in faith (love) and obedience! Who can comprehend the magnitude of the Father's love for His children? It is certain that in experiencing that awesome love, forsaking ALL to follow our blessed Creator seems such a small price to pay in light of the awesome magnificence of His Being and His grace which continually abounds toward those who love Him. I will close with a portion of scripture which deals with the Father's heart desire for a total dependence upon Him.

Amen

...."Clothe yourselves, all of you with humility - as the garb of a servant so that its covering cannot possibly be stripped from you with freedom from pride and arrogance - toward one another. For God sets Himself against the proud - the insolent, the overbearing the disdainful, the presumptuous, the boastful, and opposes, frustrates and defeats them - but gives grace, favour, blessing to the humble. Therefore humble yourselves demote, lower yourselves in your own estimation under the mighty hand of God, that in due time He may exalt you. Casting the whole of your care -all your anxieties, all your worries all concerns, once and for all - on Him; for He cares for you affectionately, and cares about you watchfully...."

1 Peter 5:5-7 Amplified Translation

...."Cast your burden on the Lord releasing the weight of it and He will sustain you; He will never allow the consistently righteous to be moved - made to

slip, fall or fail...."

Psalm 55:22 Amplified Translation