

Proclaiming the Word of God

Scripture

Psalm 27: 1-6

Sermon:

A Comforting Message in Fearful Times
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INTRODUCTION

In times of fear and uncertainty, the best thing we can do is strengthen our faith with the reminder that God is with us.

This is especially crucial for the times in which we are living. There is so much turmoil, anxiety, and pain. But the circumstances in our nation and world do not control our lives or determine our futures—God does. And the Lord is the One who fights for us. We focus on the promises of God to endure the trials before us but also overwhelmingly conquer through them.

Here are passages of Scripture we can cling to for comfort and encouragement in even the most perplexing and distressing times. As believers in Christ, we have both the right and the authority to claim them. They are our birthright, our treasure, and our spiritual armor.

Therefore, I encourage you to read these verses daily. They will become a shield to your thinking, emotions, and faith. You will find yourself becoming stronger, bolder, and more courageous in your life and daily walk with the Lord as you meditate on them and see how profoundly true they really are.

VERSES TO REMEMBER

Philippians 4:6–7: NIV

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Psalm 16:7-8 NIV

I will praise the Lord, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me. I keep my eyes always on the Lord. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

Psalm 4:8: NIV

In peace I will lie down and sleep, for You alone, Lord, make me to dwell in safety.

Psalm 27:1: NASB

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid.

Psalm 139:23–24: NIV

Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my anxious thoughts; and see if there be any hurtful way in me, and lead me in the everlasting way.

Psalm 138:3, 7–8: NIV

On the day I called, You answered me; You made me bold with strength in my soul . . . Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You will revive me; You will stretch forth Your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and Your right hand will save me. The Lord will accomplish what concerns me; Your lovingkindness, O Lord, is everlasting.

Philippians 4:19: NIV

My God will supply all your needs according to the riches of His glory in Christ Jesus.

Isaiah 41:10: NIV

Do not fear, for I am with you; do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, surely I will help you, surely I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.

John 3:16: NKJV

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have everlasting life.

1 John 1:9: NIV

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Psalms 121:1-8 NIV

I lift up my eyes to the mountains---where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. He will not let your foot slip---he who watches over you will not slumber; indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord watches over you---the Lord is your shade at your right hand; the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord will keep you from all harm---he will watch over your life; the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

Isaiah 54:17: NASB

“No weapon that is formed against you will prosper; and every tongue that accuses you in judgment you will condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their vindication is from Me,” declares the Lord.

Psalms 32:7: NASB

You are my hiding place; You preserve me from trouble; You surround me with songs of deliverance.

Psalms 94:19: NASB

When my anxious thoughts multiply within me, Your consolations delight my soul.

Psalms 23:4: NASB

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

Psalms 139:3: NASB

You scrutinize my path and my lying down, and are intimately acquainted with all my ways.

Deuteronomy 31:8: NASB

The Lord is the one who goes ahead of you; He will be with you. He will not fail you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed.

Proverbs 3:5-6: NASB

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.