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If you are determined to be afraid concerning the situation in this world at this time, you need to make sure that you are fearing the most important thing. If you think you might die from the corona virus, it would behoove you to consider where you might go in that case. What is your final destination? Determining your final resting place is much more important than whether you have a paycheck coming in or whether you can take that dream vacation or whether you have enough food, toilet paper, or water. The Bible is the source of wisdom that you need to rely on in times like this, because it is the truth.

*Luke 12:5 KJV But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: **Fear him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell**; yea, I say unto you, **Fear him**.*

It is not a hard thing to make your permanent reservations in a place called heaven. You must decide that your way has never been the best way to approach life and death. God's plans always trump our plans in all situations. Pride has to be dealt with, so you can humble yourself and receive Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord. The instructions are as follows:

*Proverbs 3:5 KJV **Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.** ⁶*In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.**

*Acts 16:31 NIV They replied, "**Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved** -- you and your household."*

*Romans 10:9 KJV That if thou shalt **confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.***

God's goodness leads men to repentance, not His wrath, or our wrath. God's plans are that all His creation would come to saving knowledge of Him -- that none would perish without reservations in heaven. His plans are not to harm you but to give you hope and a future.

*Romans 2:4 KJV Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that **the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance.***

*2 Peter 3:9 NIV The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead, he is patient with you, **not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.***

*Jeremiah 29:11 NIV For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "**plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.** ¹²*Then you will call on me and come**

and pray to me, and I will listen to you. ¹³You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. ¹⁴I will be found by you," declares the Lord," and will bring you back from captivity.

Considering that you have the most important thing in life taken care of, salvation, let us consider fear, being anxious or being worried. Again, the Bible addresses this issue. You will find that fear can be more dangerous than the dreaded virus you are afraid of.

Job 3:25 NIV *What I feared has come upon me; what I dreaded has happened to me.*

Luke 21:25 KJV *And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; ²⁶Men'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. ²⁷And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.*

Job had a problem with fear, as well as many of us living today. Fear comes from another kingdom than God's kingdom, so we must deal with it in our lives. God is not responsible for the corona virus or any other disaster, so we must not be playing the blame game that God is trying to teach us something. God is not the author of fear or calamity in this hour.

2 Timothy 1:7 KJV *For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power and of love, and a sound mind.*

1 John 4:15 KJV *Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God. ¹⁶And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him. ¹⁷Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as his is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casteth out fear because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love. ¹⁹We love him, because he first loved us.*

Psalms 56:3 NIV *When I am afraid, I will trust in you. ⁴In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I will not be afraid. What can mortal man do to me?*

Psalms 56:9 NIV *Then my enemies will turn back when I call for help. By this I know that God is for me. ¹⁰In God, whose word I praise, in the Lord, whose word I praise -- ¹¹in God I trust; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me? ¹²I am under vows to you, O God; I will present my thank offerings to you. ¹³For you have delivered me from death and my feet from stumbling, that I may walk before God in the light of life.*

Not only did God not give us a spirit of fear, but He gave us authority over all the power of the enemy. He taught us to speak to our mountains of fear, sickness or lack. Believe what you say when you pray, and you will have what you say. You can say what you have, or you can have what you say. Our words are very powerful. Speak only what you want, not what you have that you don't want!

Luke 10:19 KJV Behold, I give unto you *power* to tread on serpents and scorpions, and *over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.*

Mark 11:22 KJV And Jesus answering saith unto them, *Have faith in God.* ²³For verily I say unto you, that whosoever shall *say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.* ²⁴Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

If you do get sick, or are already sick, the scriptures give you a few instructions about what you can do. You can speak to your sickness, first, and tell it to go in Jesus' name. You can have others, or elders, pray for you. The Bible declares that the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well.

The question is: Are you praying in faith, or are your elders praying in faith?

James 5:14 NIV Is any one of you sick? He should *call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord.* ¹⁵And the *prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven.*

It is God's will to heal, in case you have not read the scriptures below. You do not have to say, "If it be Your will." That is unbelief, or not praying in faith. Sickness is not from God's kingdom any more than fear is from His kingdom. His desire is that you walk in total health!

3 John 2 KJV Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest *prosper* and be in *health*, even as thy *soul* prospereth.

Psalms 103:1 NIV Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. ²*Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits* -- ³*who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases*

Psalms 107:20 NIV *He sent forth his word and healed them; he rescued them from the grave.* ²¹*Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men.*

God's plan is that we prosper in all things -- in mental, physical, and spiritual health and wealth. It is impossible to prosper in all these areas without peace. Many people think that stress and busyness are normal, that attaining things is going to make them happy. Many people have tried drugs, alcohol, and sex trying to find that peace that passes all understanding. Many people are too busy to spend time with their Creator who is the Prince of Peace. There is no other place that you can find peace and total satisfaction in life. He (Jesus) is our peace!

Isaiah 26:3 KJV Thou wilt *keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee; because he trusteth in thee.*

Everything we need for life and godliness has been provided by the Lord, but our lack of knowledge prevents us from believing this great benefit. Our needs can be met by His unending supply if we know to ask, believe, and receive from His hand.

2 Peter 1:3 NIV His divine power has *given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him* who called us by his own glory and goodness.

Philippians 4:19 KJV But *my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.*

Psalms 55:16 NIV But *I call to God, and the Lord saves me.* ¹⁷*Evening, morning and noon I cry out in distress, and he hears my voice.* ¹⁸*He ransoms me unharmed from the battle waged against me, even though many oppose me.*

Part of God's divine plan includes deliverance from all of our enemies or troubles. He is our Refuge, our Protection, our Hope. He is everything that we need in this world. Without Him life is very difficult and distressing. His protection is available to all who will trust in Him and believe His Word.

Psalms 34:4 NIV *I sought the Lord, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears.* ⁵*Those who look to him are radiant, their faces are never covered with shame.* ⁶*This poor man called, and the Lord heard him; he saved him out of all his troubles.* ⁷*The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them.* ⁸*Taste and see that the Lord is good, blessed is the man who takes refuge in him.* ⁹*Fear the Lord, you his saints, for those who fear him lack nothing.*

It is amazing that God knew from the beginning of time that we would need to be delivered from pestilences (plagues) that would come upon this world. He made provision even before we needed it. When we know Him and believe in Him, He delivers us from any trouble that comes upon us. He is such a good and great God that He planned to care for us forever!

Psalms 91:1 KJV He that *dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.* ²*I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.* ³*Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.* ⁴*He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.* ⁵*Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day;* ⁶*Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.*

Our land can be healed when we follow the four steps below. This scripture is not talking about those who do not know God; it is talking about God's family of believers. When we turn back to God and focus on Him and His ways, this world will become a different place, a better place. Those who are lost need examples of how to win in this world, and Christians need to exemplify how to be like Christ -- little Christians!

2 Chronicles 7:14 KJV If my people, which are called by my name, shall *humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways*; then will I hear from heaven, and will *forgive their sin, and will heal their land.*

Could it be that we might even have to share with others that are less fortunate than ourselves? The early church thought this was a good idea. Thousands were being saved and brought into the church at that time. Let us not be one of the greedy ones that are only thinking of ourselves in this hour. It is time to reach out and become the arms and feet of Jesus and care for the people He loves so much.

Acts 2:44 NIV All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵*Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need.*

Ephesians 5:3 NIV But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or any kind of impurity, or of *greed*, because these are *improper for God's holy people.*

Luke 6:38 KJV *Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.*

The desire of the Lord is not only that we would come to repentance but to come fellowship with Him. He will give us rest and peace. When we cast our cares on Him, He carries our concerns and problems. He is the only one with a solution, so it is best to just turn it all over to Him and let Him rescue us from dire circumstances. All things will work out for good, if we love God and are called for His purpose. All that is left for us to do is rejoice! We can walk in His peace, if we are not anxious and afraid. His mercy is everlasting, and he will shelter us under His wings until this disaster is over. He will fulfill His purpose in us!!!

Matthew 11:28 NIV "*Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.* ²⁹*Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.* ³⁰*For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.*"

1 Peter 5:7 NIV *Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.*

Romans 8:28 NIV And we know that *in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.*

Philippians 4:4 NIV *Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!* ⁵*Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.* ⁶*Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.* ⁷*And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

Psalms 57:1 NIV *Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me, for in you my soul takes refuge. I will take refuge in the shadow of your wings until the disaster has passed.* ²*I cry out to God Most High, to God, who fulfills his purpose in me.*

This Crisis Survival Guide may be different than you expected, but I challenge you to take to heart the scriptures that are listed here. You will find what you have been looking for whether it is peace or protection or provision. This God of the Bible has been my friend for 62 years now, and I can say that He is faithful and worthy of all my praise. Don't look any farther, He will be your friend, too. He wants His children not only to survive, but to THRIVE. Step into all that He has planned for you, and your life will be fulfilling. God Bless You and Your Family!

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Two prophetic words follow that were received in 2019 that you could apply at this time.

Word of the Lord to Irene Hughes on 3/1/19:

The day has come for all good soldiers to get in line and march to the sound of the Commander of the Army of the Lord's voice (Joshua 5:14). All the troops need to be marching in unison, so that the end time harvest will come to pass. There will be no losses, if you all follow the directions I have given you. There is no room for confusion in the camp. That is an attribute of the enemy's camp. You have had years of preparation, so now it is time to use what you have learned. Do not be afraid. Do not be discouraged, for I AM the Lord your God who will guide you into all truth. It is not a time to be vying for position, just get in step with those around you. You are all working for the same cause.

Joshua 1:9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.

¹⁶ Then they answered Joshua, "Whatever you have commanded us we will do, and wherever you send us we will go."

Word of the Lord to Irene Hughes on 8/4/19:

In the calm of the morning when nature is waking up, the birds are singing a love song to their Maker. Awake, My love, to the sound of My voice. How I long to communicate with you concerning your future. All is well on the home front, but My children have a longing to return home, but they have lost their way. The winds of destruction have blown many off the path to real life. There are many distractions that have attracted My people and caused them to look another direction than up. I continue to be the Rescuer of those who have been tossed and turned. I have not moved. I am still available to all who cry out for direction and acceptance. Come away, My child, from those things that take all your time and energy, and come rest in My arms. I Am the Restorer of dreams. I Am the Refreshing that you have been longing for. I Am the Repairer of broken bodies. I am willing to be all you need. Come unto Me for your sustenance. Quit expecting the world to meet your needs of identity and comfort in hard times. I told you that I have given you everything you need for life and godliness, but you must first seek Me. Seek Me with your whole heart, and I will be found by you. Seek first the kingdom of God and My righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. Turn around and go another direction to find the answer to your questions and a shoulder to cry on. I AM that good Father that you are looking for. There is no cost to enter My kingdom except to lay down your life as a living sacrifice. That is when you become a vessel of honor in My hands. You are useful in My kingdom when you deny yourself and follow Me. I have plans for you -- plans to prosper you and not to harm you -- plans for hope and a future. Do not delay for the times will become harder the closer the end of time comes. Now is the time to make the move back home with your God. I am here to receive you with open arms. Just like the father of the prodigal, I am waiting for your return. You are My child, and I have never quit loving you.