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From Where I Sit . . .

“God’s Provision for our Safekeeping”

Hebrews 13:5-6 (KJV) ⁵*Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. ⁶So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.*

Psalms 46:1 (KJV) ¹*God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.*

Multiple thousands perish in natural disasters around the globe almost daily while yet other thousands perish from man-made destruction. It seems that on every hand we are pressed with reminders that what has been is not necessarily what will be today or tomorrow. Nature and mankind can take away from us many of the things we hold dear. In the midst of this havoc and distress, God’s people need to have a faith in God that will help us face the storms and overcome the tragedies that life serves. Job is a classic reminder and example of this in the Old Testament.

Only those of great faith can say that God will secure us even if our physical bodies perish. “*...I will not fear what man shall do unto me*” (Heb. 13:6). One whose faith runs weak may turn away from God when he loses possessions, position, or loved ones, thinking that God has turned away from him. The marvelous thing is that a Christian can know that God is still there.

Yes, the significance of being a Christian is that one is “*kept by the power of God.*”

1 Pet 1:5 (KJV) ⁵*Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.*

In resisting the devil, God will “perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle” us :

1 Peter 5:8-10 (KJV) ⁸*Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: ⁹Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world. ¹⁰But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.*

He provides power that is greater than Satan. By His grace we are “*Guarded By The Power Of God*” (1 Pet. 1:5). To stay secure in this “*Power of God,*” we need to remember our responsibility to remain faithful. Nothing can separate a believer from the love of Christ. It may be difficult for us to accept that human suffering falls on the righteous as well as the unrighteous, but God’s Word assures us that “*in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us*” (Romans 8:35-39).

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