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Prisoners of Fear

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Needy miners and settlers in British Columbia, engaged in stripping abandoned Fort Alcan of lumber, electrical appliances, and plumbing, made an amazing discovery. While dismantling the jail they found that the mighty locks were attached to the heavy doors, and two-inch steel bars covered the windows, but the walls of the prison were only patented wallboard of clay and paper, painted to resemble iron. A good heave against the walls by a

man not as strong as a football tackle would have burst the wall out. Nobody ever tried it, because nobody thought it possible.

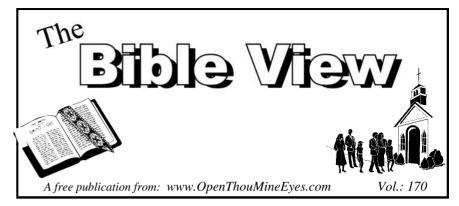
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Many Christians are prisoners of fears that are nothing when pushed against. Satan cannot do anything against a child of God, but he loves to put barriers of papier-mâché in the path of a believer to make him think that there is no progress in the direction of the will of the Lord. When by faith we push against it, we will be free.

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Fear Not

Bill Brinkworth

This can be a scary world. There are unknown tomorrows, unmet needs, concealed uncertainties, and a host of other unknowns that trouble adults and children. As frightening as they may be, there can be comfort for

Christians when facing these fearsome barriers. God's hand on their lives should



assure them nothing will happen to them unless God wills it for their lives or desires it so He will get the glory. Some of the many "fear not's" in the Bible should encourage the believer that God will comfort us when we face:

The journey of life. As He promised Issac He would help him throughout his life, He will also help His own in this day and time.

"And the LORD ... I am the God of Abraham thy father: <u>fear</u> <u>not</u>, for I am with thee, and will bless thee..." Genesis 26:24

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Never Fear

David Nygreen

Though at times the clouds hang low,

Never fear!
Though the winds may fiercely flow,

Never fear!
God is still upon His throne,

He is mindful of His own, Let this blessed truth be known, Never fear!

Though at times the way seems long,

Never fear!

Murmur not but sing a song,
Never fear!

If you trust in God and pray,
Help to you He will convey,
You'll find roses by the way,
Never fear!

Though a friend may prove untrue,

Never fear!

Seek his friendship to renew, Never fear!

This one thing remember well: Christ is our Immanuel,

He will ever with you dwell, Never fear!

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Lack of necessities during hard times. He will provide for His own during hard times; even when there is not a practical solution, just as He did the "impossible" to meet Elijah's needs.

"And Elijah said unto her, <u>Fear</u> <u>not</u>; go and do as thou hast said: but make me thereof a little cake first, and bring it unto me, and after make for thee and for thy son. For thus saith the LORD God of Israel, The barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, ..."

I Kings 17:13-14

Peril. The enemy is always outnumbered when God is on your side; as Elisha's servant was allowed to witness.

"And he answered, Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them. And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha. ... "II Kings 6:16-18

Overpowering obstacles. As God promised Israel that he

"FAAF |S FA|+H|ASSNASS." — George Macdonald would help and strengthen them, He also can do the same for the believer that goes to Him for protection and strength.

"But thou, Israel, art my servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, ... Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness. Behold, all they that were incensed against thee shall be ashamed and confounded: they shall be as nothing; and they that strive with thee shall perish. ..."

Isaiah 41:8-12

Trials alone. God promised to be with Israel through all the hardships they would face. He also will be with today's born-again believer, if he will call and wait patiently on God when he goes through scary unknowns.

" ... O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine. When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee. For I am the LORD thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour: ... "Isaiah 43:1-5

"Fear knocked at the door. Faith answered. No one was there." — Inscription over mantel of Hinds' Head Hotel, England

Unknown tomorrows. God knows the details of every believer's future, including what they need. He will take care of them!

"... And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows ..."

Matthew 10:27-32 **Death.** Death may be scary to some. God is in control of even that.

"... <u>Fear not</u>; I am the first and the last: I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death."

Revelation 1:17-18

People have always been afraid of something. God has always been there to meet their needs when they faced dilemmas. Although, we may not have all the promises given specifically to certain biblical individuals, it is the same God that helped them that can also still our worrisome mind about our unknowns. Fear not; God can help you.

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Though the river may seem dark,
Never fear!
With the Pilot you'll embark,
Never fear!
"Jesus Saviour, pilot me,
Over life's tempestuous sea,"
Hear Him whisper tenderly,
"Never fear!"

God Never Sleeps

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A mother and her little fouryear-old daughter were preparing to retire for the night. The child was afraid of the dark, and the mother, alone with the child, felt fearful also. When the light was out, the child caught a glimpse of the moon outside the window.

"Mother," she asked, "is the moon God's light?"

"Yes," said the mother. "God's light is always shining."

The next question was, "Will God blow out His light and go to sleep?"

The mother replied, "No, my child. God never goes to sleep."

Then out of simplicity of a child's faith she said that which gave reassurance to the fearful mother, "Well, so long as God is awake, I am not afraid."

No wonder Jesus said, "Except ye become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven." How often we allow fear of darkness, failure, suffering, or death to rob us of our sleep and our joy in life!