

THE RIGHTEOUS WILL NEVER BE SHAKEN

The promise for this month is:

“The righteous will never be shaken.”

Psalm 112:6

Psalm 112:6-7 Surely he shall not be moved for ever: the righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. They will have no fear of bad news; their hearts are steadfast, trusting in the LORD.

This is so essential for us especially in the year 2020. We have been so accustomed to hearing bad news that when someone talks to us we ask them if they have good news to share. Even when we turn on the News channel there we hardly hear good news. Even in our lives, there has always been a time when we hear bad news and we are shaken.

But God’s word says, ***“They will have no fear of bad news; their hearts are steadfast, trusting in the LORD.”***

This month’s promise is that “You will not be shaken no matter what happens because you are founded on the Rock, the Christ.” The Bible speaks of two different types of people. One who fears God, the other is the people who fear men. People who fear men always give bad news and get frightened. However, the other type are the righteous people who will never be shaken. The Bible says that no one can serve two masters. If one master is God, the other is the god of this world’s riches. When we serve one master the other one becomes the servant. When you make God the master, money becomes the servant. When your trust in God, you need not run behind riches. All this will come looking for us because we fear God and we trust in God.

Let us see the story of Daniel in a gist. However big a servant of God is, it is real to receive bad news. Similarly in Daniel’s life. Let us see:

Daniel 6:5 Finally these men said, “We will never find any basis for charges against this man Daniel unless it has something to do with the law of his God.”

Daniel was aware of the king’s commandment. It was bad news that meant that if anybody worships anybody other than the king they would be put in the lions’ den. This was bad news to Daniel. The one who worships the Lord received such a bad news.

Dear children of God, we must understand that bad news comes to Daniel who worshipped God. We cannot avoid bad news. It will affect our body, mind, our future, and other people. Even Jesus wept. It does have an impact. The word of God says that it will have an impact but they will not fear it, because they fear the Lord.

I want to encourage you today, what bad news have you received? Whatever it may be always remember your future is in God’s hand. Bad news comes into our lives to shake us and break us. But the word of God says that those who are righteous will never be shaken.

Though Daniel received the bad news, he continued to do whatever he did. Don't let this bad news stop you from doing whatever you did. The time is going to come when we will reap in joy. We see that Daniel's heart was not fixed on men, it was fixed on God.

Daniel 6:16 So the king gave the order, and they brought Daniel and threw him into the lions' den. The king said to Daniel, "May your God, whom you serve continually, rescue you!"

The king could not save Daniel but God did it! Similarly, your boss may not be able to save your job but God can. Your family nor your neighbour can help you. But the Lord God whom you serve is able to help you.

My question to you today is "on whom is your heart fixed?"

Daniel 6:17A stone was brought and placed over the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet ring and with the rings of his nobles, so that Daniel's situation might not be changed.

Are we listening to bad news constantly? Are you receiving bad news through SMS, calls etc.? Don't you worry. All news of failures and bad news should be opportunities for your faith to grow in the situation.

Missionary Hudson Taylor, founded the China-Inland Mission in the 18th century. During that time there was a rebellion called "the boxer rebellion". They were killing all the Christians and missionaries. At that time he wrote, "I can't think, I can't eat, I can't pray, but I can trust."

Today many of you may be saying "I am not able to read the Bible, I am not able to pray, etc. "But even if you are not able to do these you can trust the Lord.

I want to encourage you in the coming month and days you will not be shaken. Whatever may be the bad news, we will not be shaken.

In Daniel's story, he received continuous bad news and all doors were closed, the door from above was open and nobody could close it.

Right now are you looking at all the shut doors in your life? God says your window in heaven is open.

The king comes early morning and says,

Daniel 6:19-20 At the first light of dawn, the king got up and hurried to the lions' den. ²⁰ When he came near the den, he called to Daniel in an anguished voice, "Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to rescue you from the lions?"

For which Daniel replied:

Daniel 6:21-22 Daniel answered, "May the king live forever!"²² My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in his sight. Nor have I ever done any wrong before you, Your Majesty."

When God could send angels in the den of hungry lions, won't He send His angels into your home and mine, in our office, in our church, in the place of your ministry? He definitely will!

You will have visitation of angels into your houses. Angels will visit your homes even in the form of humans to help us. Bad news can never shake us up.

Psalm 112:8-10 Their hearts are secure, they will have no fear; in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.⁹ They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor, their righteousness endures forever; their horn will be lifted high in honor.¹⁰ The wicked will see and be vexed, they will gnash their teeth and waste away; the longings of the wicked will come to nothing.

It is important to be courageous till what the Lord has ordained for us comes to pass. No matter what bad news comes, we must stay put in the Lord and not be shaken.

"You will never be shaken and bad news will never have its effect on you."

God bless you. Amen.