

THE FEELING OF DISCOURAGEMENT

Sometimes we, like the Psalmist David feel like crying. *"...No man careth for my soul"* (Psalm 142:4). Of course, to be perfectly honest, we must read and consider the last line of that Psalm, *"For thou (LORD) wilt deal bountifully with me"* (Psalm 142:7). This is the same man that wrote the inspired line, *"Cast thy burdens upon Jehovah, and he will sustain thee: he will never suffer the righteous to be moved"* (Psalm 55:22).

Oh, it's true that it appears many times that nobody cares (though sometimes that is a misconception on our part). People let lifestyles, jobs, etc., demands so much of our time. It's hard to keep our priorities in the right order. But we do feel alone, worried, like no one cares, we must ever remember that God really does care and cast *"all your anxiety (worry) upon Him, because he careth for you"* (1 Peter 5:7).

"The LORD is my shepherd I shall not want" (Psalm 23:1). *"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the seas;"* (Psalm 46:1-2).

"It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man" (Psalm 118:8). Man will disappoint and forsake us. They did Christ (Matthew 25:56; Mark 14:50). They did Paul (2 Timothy 4:10, 14, 16), and they did John (3 John 4:9). But God will never forsake His people.

Let us abound in the work of the Lord, allowing His precious Word to guide us and comfort us. Let us *"press toward the mark of the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus"* (Philippians 3:13).

Christianity does not remove us from the world and its problem. It makes us able to live in it, triumphantly and usefully.

"The Author to the above arrangement of thoughts and admonishment is unknown; however as for myself, I can and do say that I am thankful for the great lessons they bring to heart who love the Lord and live according to His word. I will close with an Amen and God bless!"

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