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The Peace Of Trusting In The Lord (part 2)

Exodus 2:3, "And when she could not longer hide him, she took for him an ark of bulrushes, and dabbled it with slime and with pitch, and put the child therein; and she laid it in the flags by the river's brink."

In our last article we labored to direct the reader's attention to the mother of Moses and how she, in her time of perplexity, showed forth her trust and faith in the Lord by building an ark for her son and putting it by the river's brink. In this effort, I would like to build upon those thoughts by considering the troubles a child of promise may face in this world and the peace they can experience by trusting, as did the mother of Moses, in the mighty hands of the God of Jacob (Gen 49:24).

(1) In Persecutions! The saints of the Lord through the generations of time have suffered, persecution for their faith in the Lord. Here in the United States of America, the Lord's people have enjoyed liberties and freedom's that many saints never experienced. There have been many times when the saints of God had nowhere on earth to turn and plead their case concerning their faith in God. Often in those times, the children of God, as Moses mother, would turn to the Lord for help in those times of need. One such time was in the days of the Babylonian captivity of Israel when Nebuchadnezzar was king. Nebuchadnezzar had built an image of gold and demanded that all, when they heard "the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltry, dulcimer, and all kinds of musick", would "fall down and worship the golden image" (Dan 3:5). There were certain of the children of

Israel named Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah (Dan 1:7), that would not bow. Their unwillingness to bow angered the king and he commanded them, if they would not bow, to be cast into a "burning fiery furnace" heated seven times (Dan 3:19). The three men, during this time of trouble turned to the Lord with strong faith and said, "we are not careful to answer thee in this matter. If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king. But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up" (Dan 3:16b-17). When Nebuchadnezzar commanded that these faithful men would be cast into the furnace, it was the Lord who came to their rescue in the furnace. When this event was over, the three servants of God didn't even have the smell of smoke on their clothes (Dan 3:27).

(2) In sicknesses and infirmities of the flesh! It is very heartbreaking to all to see a saint of the Lord, a precious child of God, suffer from the infirmities of this world. Praise be to Jesus that one glorious day all these will end. Yet, while in this world, we often come to the end of the rope, so to speak, concerning what to do. Physicians in this world often become perplexed and exhausted concerning an answer to the problems. What a precious blessing it is to know that there is One who has all the answers and is able to fix any problem. In Mark chapter 5 we read about a sister who had suffered from an "issue of blood twelve years." She "had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing better, but rather grew worse,..." This sister, when "she had heard of Jesus" came to "touch but his clothes..." On this day, recorded for us in God's Holy Word, this sister put it all in His hands and found "grace to help in time of need" (Heb 4:16).

(3) Differences with other brothers and sisters in this world! Because of the carnal nature that was not eradicated in the new birth and our spiritual vision, which is dim at best (1 Cor 13:12), we sometimes find ourselves at odds and disagreement with other children of God. Often when we labor to repair these differences, they can become worse. When those times arise, it is a precious blessing to know that we have a great mediator in heaven who is able to do what we cannot. It is our God in heaven who is able to soften hard hearts; warm cold spirits; and convict his children to forget and love in ways that have been neglected. Just the blessing of

knowing we have such a great God to turn to and put it all in His hands should cause us all to rejoice in Him always (Phil 4:4).

Dear brothers and sisters, in no way have we exhausted the subject. These are just a few ways in which we may trust in our mighty God. My hope and prayer is that by these words you will be exhorted and comforted in trusting in Him who is "able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think,..."(Eph 3:20). Amen!