

of wealth? But we brought nothing into this world and can carry nothing out. Thus all the terrors of the world are contemptible in my eyes, and I smile at all its good things. Poverty I do not fear, riches I do not sigh for, and from death I do not shrink."

This same testimony can be ours. With God as our Father, Christ as our Savior, and the Holy Spirit as our Guide, we can face every situation with perfect confidence in the One who conquers fear. --RWD

*Terror by night nor arrow's flight
Can make my soul afraid;
Naught can alarm, no foe can harm,
When on Him I am stayed. --Anon.*

Faith in God is the best antidote for fear.



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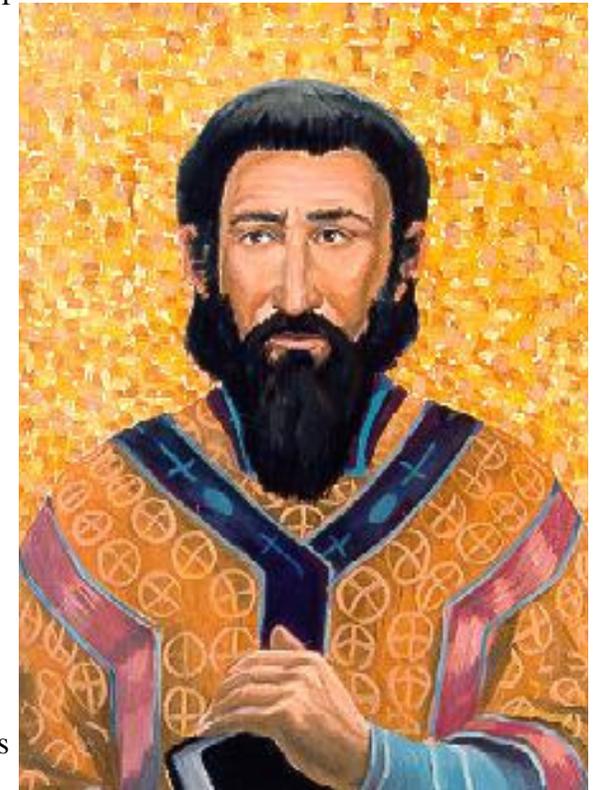
How To Conquer Fear

Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You. --Psalm 56:3

We live in a world plagued by fear. People worry about illness, poverty, family disruption, war, famine, and the future.

For those who place their trust in the Lord, however, it's different. Because their lives are in the hands of an all-wise, all-loving, all-powerful heavenly Father, they can face any difficult situation with confidence.

Henry Durbanville writes this about the gifted fourth-century preacher John Chrysostom: "Exiled from the position which he held as the greatest preacher of his age, this noble man refused to be intimidated. 'What can I fear?' he asks. 'Will it be death? But you know that Christ is my life, and that I shall gain by death. Will it be exile? But the earth and all its fullness are the Lord's. Will it be loss





Trusting God

Father Knows Best



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We can make 4 statements about God's wisdom:

1. Our _____ always,

(Psalms 147:5) "Great is our Lord, and mighty in power; His understanding is infinite."

(Exodus 31:3) ""And I have filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding, in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship,"



(Jeremiah 10:12) "He has made the earth by His power, He has established the world by His wisdom, And has stretched out the heavens at His discretion."

(Isaiah 55:8-9) ""For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," says the LORD. {9} "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts."

2. Our _____ chooses the _____ for _____ always,

Psalm 119:67, 71, 75

(Deuteronomy 8:2-5) ""And you shall remember that the LORD your God led you all the way these forty years in the wilderness, to humble you and test you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not. {3} "So He humbled you, allowed you to hunger, and fed you with manna

which you did not know nor did your fathers know, that He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the LORD.

{4} "Your garments did not wear out on you, nor did your foot swell these forty years. {5} "You should know in your heart that as a man chastens his son, so the LORD your God chastens you."

(1 Corinthians 10:13) "No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but



God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it."

(Hebrews 12:10) "For they indeed for a few days chastened us as seemed best to them, but He for our profit, that we may be partakers of His holiness."

(Hebrews 12:6) "For whom the LORD loves He chastens, And scourges every son whom He receives.""



3. Our _____ wisdom may _____ good,

(Isaiah 61:1-4) ""The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me, Because the LORD has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to those who are bound; {2} To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD,

And the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn, {3} To console those who mourn in Zion, To give them beauty for ashes, The oil of joy for mourning, The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they may be called trees of righteousness, The planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified." {4} And they shall rebuild the old ruins, They shall raise up the former desolations, And they shall repair the ruined cities, The desolations of many generations."

(Hebrews 12:11) ".... afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it."



4. Our _____ best is _____ by _____,

(Job 3:11) ""Why did I not die at birth? Why did I not perish when I came from the womb?"

(Job 3:20) ""Why is light given to him who is in misery, And life to the bitter of soul,"

(Job 7:20-21) "... Why have You set me as Your target, ...? {21} Why then do You not pardon my transgression, And take away my iniquity? ...""

(Job 10:2) "I will say to God, '...Show me why You contend with me."

(Job 38:36-37) "Who has put wisdom in the mind? Or who has given understanding to the heart? {37} Who can number the clouds by wisdom? ..."

(Job 39:26) ""Does the hawk fly by your wisdom, And spread its wings toward the south?"

(Psalms 131:1-2) "LORD, my heart is not haughty, Nor my eyes lofty. Neither do I concern myself with great matters, Nor with things too profound for me.

{2} Surely I have calmed and quieted my soul,"

(Proverbs 21:30) "There is no wisdom or understanding Or counsel against the LORD."

(2 Corinthians 5:7) "For we walk by faith, not by sight."

(1 Corinthians 1:25) "... the foolishness of God is wiser than men, ..."

(Romans 8:31) "... If God is for us, who can be against us?"

