

Someone has said that the three keys to real peace are: fret not, faint not, fear not.

1. Fret not--because God loves you (1 John 4:16) *And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.*

2. Faint not--because God holds you (Psalms 139:10) *Even there Your hand shall lead me, And Your right hand shall hold me.*

3. Fear not--because God keeps you (Psalms 121:5) *The LORD is your keeper; The LORD is your shade at your right hand.*

As we rest in the love of Christ and recognise that God holds our hand, we too shall be at peace and unafraid. The "three keys to real peace"--fret not, faint not, fear not--can open our prison of worry and discouragement. Let's step out into the full joy and liberty of the children of God! --Henry G. Bosch (ODB Editor 1956-1981)

*When the way is dim, and I cannot see
Through the mist of His wise design,
How my glad heart yearns and my faith returns
By the touch of His hand on mine. --Pounds
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The perfect antidote for fear is trust in God.

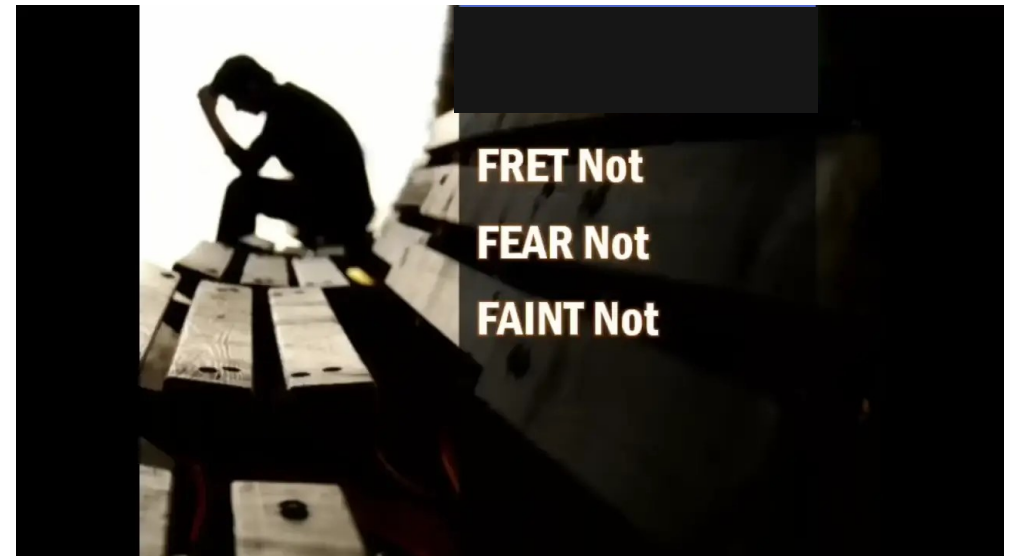


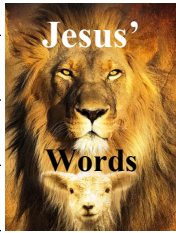
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Three Keys To Joy and Peace

Happy are the people whose God is the Lord! --Psalm 144:15

When W. B. Davidson was a young boy, he walked with his father 3 miles from his rural home to his grandmother's house. While they were visiting, the sun set. Davidson writes, "Between our home and grandmother's house was a swamp. That night the croaking of the frogs, the chirping of the crickets, and the shadows of the trees frightened me. I asked my father if there was any danger of something catching us, but he assured me that there was nothing to dread. And so, taking me by the hand, he said, 'I will not allow anything to harm you.' Immediately my fears passed away and I was ready to face the world."





Abundant Joy

(Philippians 4:4) Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!

In Luke 10:17-24 Jesus gives us four areas of Christian living where we find joy:

1. Our _____, verses 17, 5, 9, 11

(Colossians 1:13) He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love,

(Psalms 126:5-6) Those who sow in tears Shall reap in joy. [6] He who continually goes forth weeping, Bearing seed for sowing, Shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, Bringing his sheaves with him.

(John 4:36) And he who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together.

(Ephesians 6:16) above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.

2. Our _____, verses 18-20

(Revelation 12:3) And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, fiery red dragon ...

(Revelation 12:7-9) And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, [8] but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. [9] So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

(Job 38:4) "Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth..."

(Job 38:7) When the morning stars sang together, And all the sons of God shouted for joy?

(Ephesians 6:12-13) For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. [13] Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

(Ephesians 6:16) above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.

(Romans 8:28) And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.

(Romans 8:31) What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

(Romans 8:35) Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

(Isaiah 12:3) Therefore with joy you will draw water From the wells of salvation.

(Revelation 20:15) And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

3. The _____ (which is the revelation of _____ to us), verses 21-22

(1 Corinthians 2:9) But as it is written: "EYE HAS NOT SEEN, NOR EAR HEARD, .. THE THINGS WHICH GOD HAS PREPARED FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM." [10] But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.... [14] .. the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

(1 Corinthians 1:26-29) For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called. [27] But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise...[28] and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, ...to bring to nothing the things that are, [29] that no flesh should glory in His presence.

4. The _____ of our times (our Saviour is _____ back _____ us very soon), verses 23-24

(1 Peter 1:10-12) Of this salvation the prophets have inquired .. carefully, ... [11] searching what, or what manner of time, ... when He testified beforehand [off] the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow. [12] ... they were ministering the things which now have been reported to youthings which angels desire to look into.

(Matthew 16:3)Hypocrites! You know how to discern the face of the sky, but you cannot discern the signs of the times.

(Deuteronomy 28:63) And it shall be, that just as the LORD rejoiced over you to do you good and multiply you, so the LORD will rejoice over you to destroy you and bring you to nothing; and you shall be plucked from off the land which you go to possess. [64] "Then the LORD will scatter you among all peoples, from one end of the earth to the other..."

(Jeremiah 31:35-36) Thus says the LORD, Who gives the sun for a light by day, The ordinances of the moon and the stars for a light by night, ..(The LORD of hosts is His name): [36] "If those ordinances depart From before Me, says the LORD, Then the seed of Israel shall also cease From being a nation before Me forever."

(Ezekiel 37:11) ... "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. ..."

(Ezekiel 37:9-10) Also He said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, son of man...[10] So I prophesied as He commanded me, and breath came into them, and they lived, and stood upon their feet, an exceedingly great army.

(Romans 11:25-26) For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, .. that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. [26] And so all Israel will be saved, ..

(John 14:1) "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. [2] In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. [3] And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.

(Luke 21:28) Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near."

