

believe in God, believe also in Me." He knew that their hearts were troubled and He also knows when our hearts are troubled.

There is much that would and often does trouble us today. We are living in perilous times and each of us may have to face difficult and trying situations. It may be our health, the loss of a loved one, or the loss of a job. But no matter what it is that the Lord allows us to go through He says to us "Let not your heart be troubled." These are words that we especially need to take home to our hearts. What are we to do when everything seems to go wrong and we do not know where to turn or what to do? Peter, the one who was later restored to the Lord, was inspired to give us the answer in his 1st epistle. No matter what is troubling us we are told to cast all our care upon Him. 1st Peter 5:7. Why? It is because He, our Savior, really cares about us. How precious that is! Yes, each of us can say, my Savior cares about me. "He knows, He loves, He cares, nothing this truth can dim, He gives the very best to those who leave the choice with Him." Our pain, our loss or our suffering may not go away but God will give us the needed grace and strength to go through these trials as we trust Him moment by moment and day by day. We are to take our burdens to the Lord and then we are to leave them there. I often have taken my burden to the Lord but have not left it there. "Cast thy burden upon the LORD, and He shall sustain thee: He shall never suffer the righteous to be moved." Psalm 55:22.

Sometimes the Lord may not remove the trouble or the thing that is causing us pain and suffering. A good example of this is found in the life of the apostle Paul. He experienced a real trial in his service for the Lord. He describes his suffering as a thorn in the flesh. 2 Corinthians 12:7-10. We are not sure what that thorn was but it was something he constantly felt. He asked the Lord three times to take it away but the Lord said to him, "My grace is sufficient for thee: for My strength is made perfect in weakness." As Paul goes on to say, "For when I am weak, then am I strong." How very true that is. As another has written, "Conscious weakness causes a saint not to dare to move without God." As one hymn writer has put it so well: I leave it all with Jesus, for He knows how to steal the bitter from life's woes; How to gild the tear-drop with His smile, Make the desert garden bloom awhile: When my weakness leaneth on His might, all seems light.." Ellen H. Willis

Before the Lord Jesus once again reminds His disciples that they are not to have troubled hearts He tells them that He is leaving something with

them. "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you." The peace He has left with us is the result of the work He accomplished on the cross. "It is finished", He cried. John 19:30. When we accept Christ as our Savior we then have "Peace with God." Romans 5:1. This peace that He has left with us can never change. The peace that He gives to us is the same peace that He enjoyed while doing the will of the Father. The enjoyment of this peace that He gives to us depends upon our casting all our care, all our problems upon Him. "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee because He trusteth in Thee." Isaiah 26:3.

May the Lord help each of us day by day, moment by moment to take all our burdens and all our cares to the One Who has loved us with an everlasting love and has promised us that He will never leave us or forsake us" so we can say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me." Hebrews 13:5,6. This is the cure for troubled hearts.

"My times are in Thy hand; Father, I wish them there: My life, my soul, my all, I leave entirely to Thy care.

"My times are in Thy hand, Whatever they may be, Pleasing or painful, dark or bright, As best may seem to Thee.

My times are in Thy hand: Why should I doubt or fear? A Father's hand will never cause His child a needless tear.

-W.F. Lloyd

In His wonderful love.

John McNeil

"The path of strength . . . is the being made sensible of our own weakness, so that divine strength, which will never be a supplement of flesh's strength, may come in."

—J.N.D.

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