

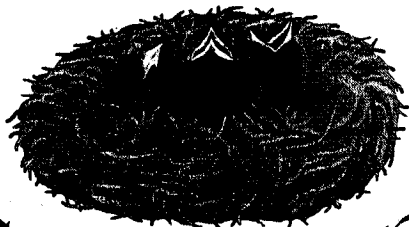
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*"They shall
mount up...*

ON EAGLES' WINGS

*... with wings
as eagles."*

Isaiah 40:31



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"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in Me." John 14:1.

"With joy we meditate the grace
Of our High priest above:
His heart is filled with tenderness-
His very Name is love!

Touched with a sympathy within,
He knows our feeble frame-
He knows what sorest trials mean,
For He has felt the same!

He, in the days of feeble flesh,
Poured out His cries and tears,
And now, ascended, feels afresh
What every member bears!

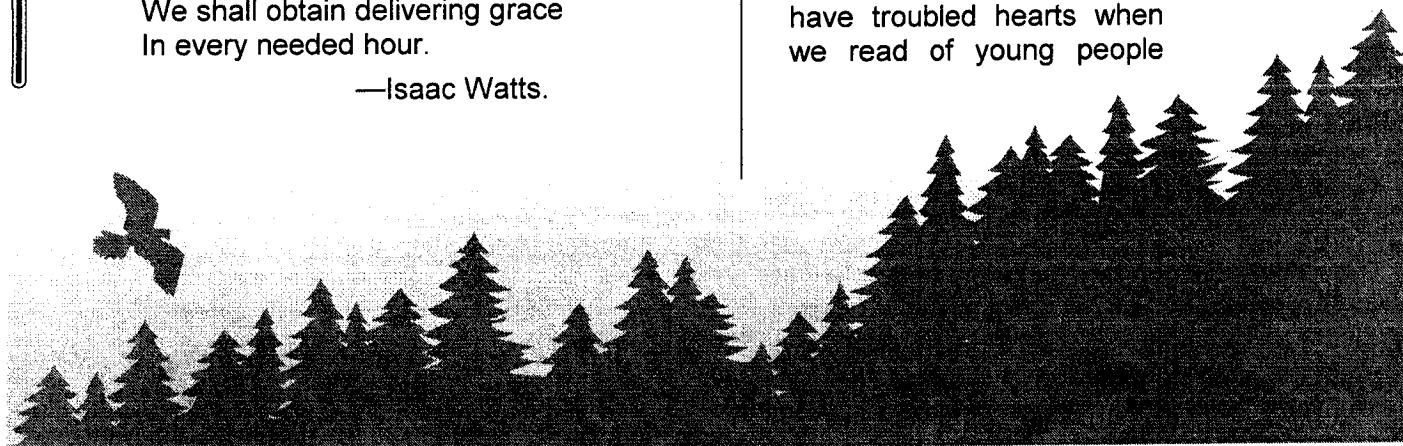
Then boldly let our faith address
The throne of grace and power!
We shall obtain delivering grace
In every needed hour.

—Isaac Watts.

Dear Friends,

Do you know what is the best anesthetic for a troubled heart? It is found in the comforting words of the Lord Jesus in John 14. **"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in Me."** When the Lord Jesus spoke these words the hearts of the Lord's disciples were very troubled. They had just heard the Lord tell them three very disturbing things: First, one of them would betray Him; Second, He was going to be with them only a little while; and Third, Peter was going to deny the Lord three times. Their hearts were deeply troubled. How much they needed to hear those comforting words from the Lord Jesus. **"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in Me."** As another has written and I quote: "How precious it is to note that the Lord did not say "hearts," but "heart"; It means that His loving comfort is for each individual heart."

Is your heart troubled today? Have you let the events in the world trouble your heart? It is hard not to have troubled hearts when we read of young people



bringing guns to school and hear so much about the increasing violence and unrest in the world. We are truly living in the perilous times described in the 2nd epistle of Paul to Timothy. Almost every newspaper or news broadcast reports some, if not all, of the nineteen things mentioned in 2 Timothy 3:1-5.

Is your heart troubled about things in your personal life? It could be things in your family or things at your place of employment. In all of these things the Lord still says to us today, "**Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in Me.**"

We need to be reminded that our Savior is still on the throne and He is in control. Nothing happens or takes place without His permission. The hymn writer, Paul Gerhardt put it so well in the following words:

"Thro' waves, thro' clouds and storms,
God gently clears the way;
We wait His time -so shall the night
Soon end in blissful day.

He ev'ry where hath sway,
And all things serve His might;
His ev'ry act pure blessing is,
His path unsullied light.

We leave it to Himself
To choose and to command:
With wonder filled, we soon shall see
How wise, how strong His Hand.

We comprehend Him not,
Yet earth and heaven tell
God sits as sov'reign on the throne,
And ruleth all things well."

There is a wonderful day coming for this world when the Lord Jesus will rule this world in power and righteousness for a thousand years. It is described for us in the Old Testament. See Isaiah 2:1-5; 11:9; 65:17-20. But until that day comes God moves behind the scenes to accomplish all His purposes.

Is your heart troubled today? The Lord Jesus has *left* something for us and also *gives* something to us that will keep us from having troubled hearts. "**Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.**" John 14:27.

The peace He has left with us refers to His finished work on the cross. He has made peace through the blood of His cross and being justified by faith we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, Colossians 1:20, Romans 5:1.

The peace He would give me daily comes from casting all my care upon Him, knowing that He cares about me. 1 Peter 5:7.

Again I ask you, dear reader, Is your heart troubled today? "*Take your burden to the Lord and leave it there.*" The Lord Jesus really cares about you and wants you to cast **all** your care upon Him. Only then will you be able to enjoy a "peace that passeth understanding." You will find "perfect peace" in the midst of the storms and contrary winds that you will encounter in your life

"Knowing Thy way is always best,
However dark it be---
Knowing that we, would we be blessed,
Must ever look to Thee;

"May we in all things see Thy hand,
And always bless Thy Name,
Submitting to thy blest command—
Whate'er thou dost ordain!

"We know not what Thou hast in store, --
Joy, sorrow, good, or ill, --
We only pray that we the more
May trust Thy perfect will."

—Russell Carter

In His wonderful love,

John D. McNeil

"But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus"—Phil. 4:19.

Some one has called this verse a blank check on the Bank of Faith to be filled in by the believer as need arises. The Bank's credit is infinite. There are assets in abundance, riches of grace, riches of love, riches of mercy, and riches of glory. Whatever the circumstances in which the child of God is found there is sufficient for every need, whether temporal or spiritual. We are to be anxious about nothing, but prayerful for everything as we come to God in a spirit of thanksgiving to appropriate in faith what He delights to give. We are so prone to doubt and worry when we should trust and enjoy the goodness of our Father's mercies. A motto we have often seen says, "If you worry you do not trust. If you trust you do not worry." Commit all to Him. Claim His promise and He will meet every need. —H.A.I.

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