

*“Great peace have they which love Thy Law: and nothing shall offend them.”
Psalm 119:165 KJV*



“They sang hymns of praise and thanksgiving until the flames of their martyrdom quenched their voices.” Many reports of Christian martyrs have been thus recounted. God’s Grace is the greatest painkiller of all! Have you ever burned yourself? Could you sing engulfed in flames? They did! God is a God who can divide *“asunder...soul and spirit!”* God can sever the connection of body and pain! Peace which *“passeth all understanding”*

filled their very souls to the point that not even the flames of their funeral pyre could extinguish their Joy! For them, death was the portal to paradise. They were happy to be counted worthy of suffering for the name of Jesus at which *“every knee shall bow.”* They knew, in a few short moments, they would be with their Redeemer, forever!

*Jesus! Oh, how sweet the name!
Jesus! Ev’ry day the same,
Jesus! Let all saints proclaim,
His worthy praise, forever! ~William C. Martin*

Satan knows from experience that prosperity and pleasure kill faith faster than persecution ever could and has wielded it with great dexterity against the modern Church. We have no martyr’s flames to torment us, no Catholic Inquisitions to fear, no Roman lions to brave, and yet we scarce can find a word of praise on our lips throughout the day. When did you last say, “Thank you, Jesus?” We are guilty of discontent, and are, therefore, more prone to fall prey to the *“fiery darts,”* whispers of mal-content and doubt that hiss about us from the Evil One. If we remember daily the goodness of our Creator, we cannot help but feel reassured and grateful. Remember to take time to meditate under the stars as often as possible. *“The heavens declare the glory of God.”* We would go through the hassles of daily living with a smile on our face, a song on our lips, and *“great peace”* in our hearts. *“Great peace have they which love Thy Law and NOTHING shall offend them.”* Peace was the promise given to the troubled disciples in the upper room as they queried our Lord about His foretold departure. Not just any peace, but His very own Peace, the Peace of God, was what He promised. *“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.”* God’s Peace is the indescribable settling of a mind and soul that is blissfully adrift in the sea of God! There are no fears or frets in that balmy expanse, only beauty and Holiness! It is the place to which we must flee, when doubts and discontent arise in our souls. It is a secure and safe haven for life’s weary travelers. To be afloat in the sea of God is to gain a glimpse into the paradise that awaits every true believer. It is to experience the Presence of the Almighty Jehovah and the caresses He gives to the soul of every sin-sick pilgrim who comes to Him for healing!

“Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.” Matthew 11:28-29 KJV