

*"I will say unto God my Rock, 'Why hast Thou forgotten me? Why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?' As with a sword in my bones, mine enemies reproach me; while they say daily unto me, 'Where is thy God?' Why art thou cast down, O my soul? And why art thou disquieted within me? Hope thou in God: **For I Shall Yet Praise Him**, who is the health of my countenance, and my God."* **Psalms 42:9-11** KJV



The Psalmist pins his entire life and future upon "God, [his] Rock," when he says, "I shall yet praise Him!" He looked forward to the time when his enemies would be forever vanquished and their mockery silenced! The world views the ongoing slaughter of Christians in the Middle East, Europe, and yes, even here in the U. S., as evidence of the weakness of Christian faith, but God's Word says, "This is the VICTORY that overcometh the world, EVEN OUR FAITH!" As jihadist's blades were slicing the martyrs necks, they proclaimed Truth; "Oh, Jesus!" as they were transported into the Arms of God! John wrote, "I saw under the Altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held: And white robes were given unto every one of them." Unbelievers are blind to the supernatural (greater than natural) realm coexisting with us! They cannot believe in Satan as a fallen archangel of God, because, to do so, they would have to acknowledge God. "For the Invisible Things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His Eternal Power and Godhead; so that THEY ARE WITHOUT EXCUSE: Because that, when they knew God, they glorified Him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, And changed the Glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man." Look around you in the world and this is exactly what you see! They cannot see beyond death! Faith is the supernatural gift from our Eternal God that opens men's eyes to the horrible torment of the eternal Lake of Fire and the eternal bliss of Heaven in God's own Presence; manifested in the risen Saviour, Jesus Christ, "for in Him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead, BODILY." The flesh sees only "A sword in my bones. Mine enemies reproach me; while they say daily unto me, 'Where is thy God?'" The flesh says to God, "Why hast thou forgotten me? Why go I mourning because of...the enemy?" Which, then, begs the question, "Why art thou cast down, O my soul?" God's answer is, "Hope thou in God." When we shift our focus from foe to faith our answer will always be, "I shall yet praise Him, who is the Health of my countenance, and my God." Not "your god" or "a god," but "MY GOD!" A personal, intimate Sovereign Saviour who delivers me! Through faith, I can joyfully look forward, beyond death's dark terrifying portal, and know, "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the SHADOW of death, Thou art with me!" Paul wrote that his desire was, "to be absent from the body and to be present with the LORD!"

I cannot see my breath of air, but do not doubt that it is there,
It's never failed, I need but breathe; it always fills my daily need:
Our God is like the UNSEEN air, though trusting Him some will not dare,
He's never failed the trusting soul; if men but come, He makes them whole! –CGP

It is UNNATURAL to firmly place your trust in the invisible: It is SUPERNATURAL! From birth we depend on physical senses to warn of danger or affirm safety. It is physically unnerving to trust in an UNSEEN God by faith. Many will not fly, because they are afraid to trust the UNSEEN air currents which allow planes to loft and glide. Those that fly regularly have no qualms whatsoever about the noise, vibrations, and sudden movements that accompany air travel, and may even be amused by the fears of a first-time flyer. Air travelers can go where others cannot, cross vast continents and oceans, and see the earth from vantage points inaccessible from the ground. The

faithful go where others cannot, cross vast distances of circumstance and arrive safely on the other side, and SEE what other men cannot even imagine! They “fly” above the clouds of doubt and circumstance that threaten those beneath the burden of sin. The more often you “fly,” the less fear the noise, vibrations, and sudden movements of life will alarm you. If you do not use the faith “*God has given to every man,*” you cannot trust the UNSEEN God and you will live and die in fear, forever! “*The FEARFUL, and unbelieving, and...all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the Second Death.*” Live your life in fear of trusting the ever-present UNSEEN God, and you will die twice: Once physically and then, eternally, in torment! Trust God and the only death you will know is the “*shadow of (the body’s) death,*” which will not be a dark terror but a glorious liberation from mortality as you step, open-eyed and immortal, into the Supernatural Realm of your Eternal God!

“Behold, what manner of Love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: Therefore, the world knoweth us not, because it knew Him not. Beloved, now, are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be; but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is. And every man that hath this Hope in Him, purifieth himself, even as He is PURE.” 1 John 3:1-3 KJV