"He hath put forth his hands against such as be at peace with him: he hath broken his covenant. The words of his mouth were smoother than butter, but war was in his heart: his words were softer than oil, yet were they drawn swords. Cast thy burden upon the LORD, and He shall sustain thee: He shall never suffer the righteous to be moved." Psalms 55:20-22 KJV

The most evil kind of enemy is a liar whose lies have an agenda! Who flatters with soft words while planning your destruction! We look around us in the world and we see evil upon evil! Wars, famine, murder, persecution, and all manner of crime are continually in the news. "Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, 'I am Christ;' and shall deceive many. And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not



troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers (different) places. All these are the beginning of sorrows." "Crooked politicians" is an apt description of most every government from city to nation to world! The law of the land is either ignored or subverted. Honesty and integrity in government are surprising, because they are the exception rather than the norm. Companies don't have "personnel" anymore, they have "human resources." The wealthy powerful feed on the backs and souls of any man less fortunate! It's not, "dog eat dog" anymore, it's "man eat man!" There are "watchmen" minding the battlements who are sounding the alarm, but the enemy is coming so fast and from so many sides at once the warnings themselves are chaotic and it seems the enemy will overwhelm! THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT SATAN WANTS YOU TO BELIEVE! All this is true, but it is temporal, not eternal! It's a diversionary tactic to weaken your faith and defenses. "While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal. Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Peter didn't sink until he looked at the storm! The same God who walks on water with you can save you from the storm! He is the Supreme Sovereign of Eternity! "Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day; nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday. A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee." If you are not daily, nay, hourly meditating in God's Word and obeying His commands, you will be devoured, because "Faith cometh by hearing...the Word of God. Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked." Faith is your shield, because faith trusts and obeys God! "No good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly. God is Light. If we walk in the Light as He is in the Light...the Blood of Jesus Christ...cleanseth us from ALL sin. Servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness." It's literally life and death!

> No matter what may come my way, My God will be my hope and stay, And by His side I'll rule the day, And nothing, will my life dismay! ~CGP

Choose life: Obey God. Choose death: obey self. It's a no-brainer!

"For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end." Hebrews 3:14 KJV