

*"For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." 2 Timothy 1:7No4 KJV*



*"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom," but the end of wisdom is "power...love...and a sound mind." When God Himself breathes into your spirit His essence of Life, you begin to know things you never knew before. For example: I know I have a secure eternity; a protected existence; a provided sojourn; the ear of the Creator; the vengeance of Almighty God upon my persecutors; and a guarantee of Life without death. There is power in knowing you cannot die! There is power in knowing that the Supreme Sovereign of eternity considers you a friend and has made you His own child! "If God be for us, who can be against us?" My mind is not cluttered with "what if's and I wonder's." It remains clear and focused. The enemy cannot surprise a wise and watchful foe. I can be calm in chaos and quiet in calamity, because my life is hidden in the Cleft Rock of my Salvation and it cannot be ever removed for God has put it there! I peacefully and serenely rest in the immutable Love of Christ from which nothing can separate me! Anyone who persecutes or harms me has done nothing more than add vengeance to themselves from Him that can divide asunder soul and spirit! Why do I need to be timid and afraid of conniving evil world leaders who hate believers, because they have sold their birthright for a mess of pottage? The worst they can do is release me from my body, the prison of sin that binds my soul! "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, 'He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in Him will I trust. Surely He shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence. He shall cover thee with His feathers, and under His wings shalt thou trust: His Truth shall be thy shield and buckler. 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.'" I understand Paul's dilemma when he said, "I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better: Nevertheless to abide in the flesh is more needful for you. For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known. That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to know the Love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God." The flesh is the veil between men and God; the curtain that obscures His Blessed Face; the weight that drowns men in sin. I can't minister to the physical world and serve my Lord if I am not in the body, so until He calls me, I remain in His Majesty's Service; fearing nought for I implicitly Trust my Lord's wisdom and timing. As Brother Spurgeon put it so aptly, "God never is before His time and never is behind!"*

The beauty of a rested soul,  
The quietness within the fold,  
Gives me the power to be bold,  
And teach all men they can be whole! ~CGP

If believers could just get past the frail threats of man into the power of a sound mind, the demons of hell would cower when we pray and flee at the sound of our footsteps!

*"Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the LORD thy God, He it is that doth go with thee; He will not fail thee, nor forsake thee." Deuteronomy 31:6 KJV*