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The Pen of a Ready Writer

*...I speak of the things which I have made touching the king:
My tongue is the Pen of a Ready Writer (Psalm 45:1).*

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God's Conditional Decrees

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land (2 Chronicles 7:14). This promise was given to Solomon the night of the dedication of the Temple. God appeared to him, and said, *I have heard thy prayer, and have chosen this place to myself for an house of sacrifice. If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people...I will hear from heaven and heal their land, if...* (2 Chronicles 7:12-15).

God said his eyes shall be open and his ears attendant unto the prayer that would be made in that place. His eyes are still open; and his ears are still paying attention. It is up to his people. I believe the same promise can be applied to all of God's people.

Who are God's people? All who have faith in Christ Jesus (Galatians 3:26). For as many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ (Galatians 3:27). This baptism is that which is done by the Spirit of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:13). It is not that which is done by the hand of man. It was done when you believed upon Christ's name (John 1:12), for without his Spirit we are none of his (Romans 8:9).

Our change of heart will be reflected in our conduct. Calling myself a Christian does not make me a Christian. Receiving Christ saves me; and, his Spirit living in me, seen through me, will cause others to say, *He's a Christian.*

Just as I humbled myself on the night that I received Jesus as my Saviour, I am instructed to humble myself before him in the hour of judgment upon my country. I need to pray. I need to seek God's face. Christians are the only ones who can come boldly before God's throne. We can open our hearts; he knows our thoughts. We need mercy; we need grace to help in this time of need (Hebrews 4:14-16).

As God's children, God's peculiar people, we who have learned Christ, having heard him and having been taught by him, we need to put off the old man and put on the new man daily (Ephesians 4:20-32). The world will not turn from their wicked ways. Their nature is to sin. As Dr. Bob Jones, Sr., often stated, *It's natural for a sinner to sin!* But, it is not natural for the new creature (Galatians 5:16 & 6:15).

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What Time I am Afraid...

I was taking care of my grand-kids one night, and one of them was afraid. As I comforted him, my thoughts went to Psalm 56:3 – *What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee.* I had them memorize this verse. And, at night, before we prayed together, we would say that verse together.

This is a powerful verse. Not only did I teach my grandchildren to claim this verse; but I also have repeated it myself many, many times. God used this verse to comfort me, especially when I was alone in the house, after my first husband, Jerome, went to be with our Lord.

We are afraid of many things right now. We fear the dark; we fear sickness; we fear the future. Our comfort comes from God's Word and his promises.

I have learned over the past four years to trust God for my physical protection and provision. Trust in his power. God will take care of you. Cast all your care upon him; for, in Christ, he cares for you (1 Peter 5:7).

In God, I will praise his Word; In God, I have put my trust. I will not fear what flesh can do unto me (Hebrews 13:6).

Can I encourage you to memorize this simple verse? Would you teach it to your children and grandchildren?

Missions Conference

Pastor Joel Logan and Tabernacle Baptist Church, Greenville, SC, host their Mission's Conference from September 8th-12th

Revival Meeting

Pastor Jerry Peacock has asked me to preach a meeting at Community Bible Church, Camden, SC from September 19th-22nd

Special Anniversary

Pastor William Strong has invited me to preach at Open Bible Baptist Church in Swansea, SC, on Sunday, September 26th, as they hold a 12th year anniversary.

Christ has the words of eternal life... John 6:68

The Doctrine Christ taught...

The principles of the doctrine of our Lord Jesus Christ are listed for us by the Spirit of God through the Apostle Paul. They are six in number, and they read as follows: the foundation (1.) of repentance from dead works, and (2.) of faith toward God. Then, there is the doctrine (3.) of baptisms, (4.) of laying on of hands, (5.) of resurrection of the dead and (6.) of eternal judgment (Hebrews 6:1-2).

Jesus taught his doctrine by parables (Mark 4:2). He said openly in his doctrine to beware of the scribes which loved long clothing and salutations in the market-places, chief seats and uppermost rooms. For a pretense they make long prayers, and they devour widows' houses (Mark 12:38-40).

The Lord's doctrine was not his; it was his Father's (John 18:19). When asked of his doctrine by the high priest, Jesus replied that whoever listened to him knew what he had said (John 18:21). I wonder: Are we listening to Him; or, are we following men? Jesus warned, Beware the leaven of the Pharisees (Matthew 16:12).