

Wisdom Not Worry

Thursday, April 2

Psalm 27:5

For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent and set me high upon a rock.

It feels like a “day of trouble.” The Center for Disease Control estimates over 200,000 Americans may die in this pandemic. “In the day of trouble” David declares confidently, “He will keep me safe...hide me in his shelter...and set me high upon a rock.” Does this mean we will not be bruised by the painful blows of Covid-19? Can we be sure we won’t contract the virus or lose a loved one who does? Not at all. David knew the pain of death (1 Chronicles 3:1-2, 2 Samuel 12) and plague (1 Chronicles 21). So what *is* David saying? David points to our salvation in a greater day of trouble.

A “day of trouble” is coming far more disturbing than today. The prophet Joel calls it the “great and terrible day of the Lord” (Joel 2:31). It will be a “day of wrath... trouble... distress and thick darkness” (Zeph. 1:14-15). The world’s greatest concern is not COVID 19 but this Day of the Lord when we stand before a Holy God. Jesus says, “Do not be afraid of *what* can kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Instead, fear the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell” (Matt. 10:28). If you trust Jesus your Salvation, don’t be afraid. He absorbed the wrath for you. He will keep you safe. He will shelter you in His perfect righteousness. He will set you high upon the Rock which is Christ. Jesus promises, “In this world you will have trouble. But take heart, I have overcome the world” (John 16:33). Since Jesus gave His life to save you on that greater day of trouble, be confident He will strengthen you in this day of trouble. Even if you contract the coronavirus, you shall overcome!

Grateful,

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