

**Wisdom not Worry**  
**Saturday, April 4, 2020**  
**Psalm 27:13-14**

**I would have lost heart, unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait on the Lord; Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart; Wait, I say, on the Lord! (NKJV)**

In troubled times, David finds courage in believing he will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. I must confess. Until recently I thought “the land of the living” was this life lived in this world. But the more I thought about it, the more confused I became. Many die with prayers unanswered, hopes unfulfilled and promised not kept. What’s more, this land in which we now live is anything but a land of the living. In the time it takes you to read today’s devotional, 25 children under 5 will die of preventable diseases and over 400 unborn babies will be murdered in their mother’s womb. Since January of this year, a quarter million have died from malaria and another quarter million by suicide, to say nothing of the rapidly rising death toll of today’s pandemic. Surely, this is not the land of the living! No, the land of which David speaks is the glory land where there will be “no more death or mourning, crying or pain” (Revelation 21:4). For David and for us, our bright hope for tomorrow is our strength for today. As Paul concludes, “If in this life only we have hope in Christ we of all men are most to be pitied.”

A dear elderly lady left a message on my phone saying she tested positive for Covid-19. What could I possibly say to encourage her? It turns out, I didn’t need to. When I returned her call, she strengthened me with her calm, contagious confidence that she would see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living that awaits -“I’m not afraid, Pastor. If it’s my time, it’s my time. God is in control and I know what is waiting for me!” She is waiting on the Lord. The Lord is strengthening her heart. With David she can say, “The Lord is my Light and my Salvation! Whom shall I fear?!”

**With Love,**  
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