

“Positioned in Prayer – Pt. 4”

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As we see the world around us gripped in claws of the spirit of fear and panic disorder, how are we as Christians to act? We do not make light of the seriousness of this evil event and we are not insensitive to the fears and concerns of so many.

* Remember what Jesus told us about living in this world:

John 16:33 Amplified Bible: ³³ I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have [perfect] peace. In the world you have tribulation *and* distress *and* suffering, but be courageous [be confident, be undaunted, be filled with joy]; I have overcome the world.” [My conquest is accomplished, My victory abiding.]

* Let’s look at what the Apostle told us about these last days:

2 Timothy 3:1 Amplified Bible: But understand this, that in the last days dangerous times [of great stress and trouble] will come [difficult days that will be hard to bear].

1. How then are we believers to handle these times or any time of trouble and anxiety?

“Life can get crazy, handle everything with prayer!!”

Philippians 4:6-7 Amplified Bible: ⁶ Do not be anxious *or* worried about anything, but in everything [every circumstance and situation] by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, continue to make your [specific] requests known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God [that peace which reassures the heart, that peace] which transcends all understanding, [that peace which] stands guard over your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus [is yours].

a. Last message we taught on the word “**prayer**” which means, ‘to worship’. Today, we are addressing the word supplication or petition.

“**To pray**”, means ‘to bring your petition(s) directly to God, your Heavenly Father.’

b. First, your petition must be based upon His promises, His Word. Why?

* **Jeremiah 1:12 Amplified:** ¹² Then the LORD said to me, “You have seen well, for I am [actively] watching over My word to fulfill it.”

* **John 15:7 NKJV:** ⁷ If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.

c. Well, Pastor, I’ve heard, “sometimes God answers Yes, sometimes He says No, and sometimes He doesn’t answer at all.”

2 Corinthians 1:19-20 NKJV: ¹⁹ For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us—by me, Silvanus, and Timothy—was not Yes and No, but in Him was Yes. ²⁰ For all the promises of God in Him *are* Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us.

2. How do we do pray effectually? Every petition must be based upon His Word!!

a. Protection:

Psalms 91 NLT:

- ¹ _____ lives in the shelter of the Most High
_____ will find rest in the shadow of the Almighty.
- ² This I declare about the LORD:
He alone is _____ refuge, _____ place of safety;
he is my God, and I trust him.
- ³ For he will rescue _____ from every trap
and protect _____ from deadly disease.
- ⁴ He will cover _____ with his feathers.
He will shelter _____ with his wings.
His faithful promises are _____ armor and protection.
- ⁵ _____ will not be afraid of the terrors of the night,
nor the arrow that flies in the day.
- ⁶ _____ does not dread the disease that stalks in darkness,
nor the disaster that strikes at midday.
- ⁷ Though a thousand fall at _____ side,
though ten thousand are dying around _____,
these evils will not touch me.
- ⁸ Just open your eyes,
and see how the wicked are punished.
- ⁹ If _____ makes the LORD his/her refuge,
if _____ makes the Most High his/her shelter,
- ¹⁰ no evil will conquer _____;
no plague will come near my home.
- ¹¹ For he will order his angels
to protect _____ wherever I/we go.
- ¹² They will hold me up with their hands
so that I won't even hurt my foot on a stone.
- ¹³ _____ will trample upon lions and cobras;
_____ will crush fierce lions and serpents under his feet!
- ¹⁴ The LORD says, "I will rescue those who love me.
I will protect those who trust in my name.
- ¹⁵ When they call on me, I will answer;
I will be with them in trouble.
I will rescue and honor them.
- ¹⁶ I will reward them with a long life and give them my salvation."

*** Isaiah 54:17 NKJV:**

- ¹⁷ No weapon formed against you shall prosper,
And every tongue *which* rises against you in judgment You shall condemn.
This *is* the heritage of the servants of the LORD,
And their righteousness *is* from Me,"
Says the LORD.

b. Healing:

Psalms 103:1-5 Amplified Bible:

- Bless *and* affectionately praise the LORD, O my soul,
And all that is [deep] within me, *bless* His holy name.
- ² Bless *and* affectionately praise the LORD, O my soul,
And do not forget any of His benefits;

³ Who forgives all your sins,
Who heals all your diseases;
⁴ Who redeems your life from the pit,
Who crowns you [lavishly] with lovingkindness and tender mercy;
⁵ Who satisfies your years with good things,
So that your youth is renewed like the [soaring] eagle.

c. Provisions:

Philippians 4:19 (Amplified Bible - AMP): ¹⁹ And my God will liberally supply (fill until full) your every need according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.