

feb 28

i wonder how many people around the world (yes the world) are now living in fear and apprehension. now that putin has ordered his nuclear weapons to alert you can almost smell fear in the spirit. it makes wonder how many feel their safe space has been invaded. those who thought there would be more comfort and protection from the world system may be shaken by how quickly it can be shattered.

when one is walking with the Lord, there will always be those who seek to ridicule and even persecute them. just this morning, i was reading a scripture. "confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God." acts 14:22

tribulation? it may be severe which the world offers. it will mean total destruction and damnation when administered by the Lord. that is not the end our Lord wants. He wants to offer everyone a safe space that cannot be violated. He confirms it in psa 91. "you shall not be afraid of the terror by night, nor of the arrow that flies by day, nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness, nor of the destruction that lays waste at noonday. a thousand may fall at your side, and ten thousand at your right hand; but it shall not come near you. only with your eyes shall you look, and see the reward of the wicked." verses 5-8

even as the world attempts it's assault - whether it be arrows of hatred and persecution, infirmities attacking

your body or needs your provisions - you will find in Him a peace that passes understanding. a peace that no person and no system can give and none can take from you.

God has always been the faithful One in this relationship. it is we who have been unfaithful. even as we witness a precious newborn grow and begin to understand yes and no, our fallen state causes us to cry "mine" and throw a tantrum. we witness it now in adults as well.

ezeiel 16 is illustrative of God's relationship with israel and also of us as individuals, i believe. "then I washed you in water; yes, I thoroughly washed off your blood, and I anointed you with oil." eze 16:9 He covers and cares for us as we grow. He provides all we need and is astonished when we play harlot with the gifts and forsake the Giver.

as we enter this stage of world conflict, is there any conflict in you? do you have a place of refuge? do you know the way into the "secret place of the most high"? i urge you to get there and stay there. we have the sure promise of Jesus. "these things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. in the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." john 16:33 God bless each as they find their way.

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