

"Look unto the fields. . ."

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## TO WALK ON HIGH PLACES

Dear friends, in spite of all we are hearing on the news channels about how bad the economy is and how bad it may get, I want to encourage you to not be disheartened. Over this past week-end we have seen some interesting, and perhaps unsettling, things happen in the financial arena around the world - and they continue today, and I am not suggesting they should be ignored. That's hard to do, and probably foolish to do. But, I am stating bluntly that as children of Almighty God, our ultimate security is not in this world system. Now, to that you may respond, "Yeah, I know, but..." Well, I'm not going to criticize you for that response - not at all. In fact, I know exactly how you feel. Today, Sheila and I are facing a mountain of expense in connection with this upcoming campaign in Kenya and I am tempted to think, "Wow, what a bad time to be in such great need!" But, again, our security is in **GOD** and **HIS** resources, not in this world. Let me share something with you.

Sheila and I were both saved in the summer of 1968, and at that time our sole source of income was from the music business, which I had been involved in for several years. Well, the moment I received Jesus, God told me to quit that business and I did. Now I had no income, and I did not know how to do anything else. Then on top of that, Sheila lost the job she had because she was pregnant. So, we suddenly found ourselves in a glorious new life with a growing family and no visible way to make a living. I knew that God had called me to the ministry, but the question was how in the world were we going to live? The answer came from God's Word.

I was sitting at the kitchen table one night holding the Bible and praying. I had been saved just a few weeks and knew nothing at all about how to hear from God. So, I did an immature thing - I said, "Lord this is Your Word and the answer I need is in here somewhere, but I don't know where. God I am going to open this Bible and I ask You to give me the answer." Now, remember, I was a baby Christian. So I opened the Bible, and my eyes fell upon Habakkuk 3:17-19. It says: "**Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labor of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat [food]; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls: Yet, I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation. The Lord God is my strength, and He will make my feet like hind's feet, and He will make me to walk upon mine high places.**"

Right then and there I closed the book and said, "God I am staking my life and the life of my family on this promise." And to make it even better, the verse finished by saying, "To the chief singer on my stringed instruments." I said, "Lord, that's me." Now, as I said, that was maybe an infantile way to gain assurance from God, but it worked - and it still ministers to me to this very day. Many times over the past 43 years I have gone back to those verses and have found the promises of God to be timeless. Over and over again we have been in situations where we had nothing and could do nothing, and we have seen God supply.

Dear friend, maybe today you are facing a mountain, like Sheila and me, and you can't figure out how in the world God is going to move it. Maybe there is something in your circumstances making you feel insecure. Maybe your finances are on shaky ground or you are facing a problem for which there appears to be no solution. Maybe you have become fearful from just watching too much news on the TV. Well, let me assure you - God is going to provide for us, and He is going to provide for you as well. I don't know how, but that is okay - I don't have to know HOW as long as I know WHO. Are you troubled, worried, afraid,? If so, then RIGHT NOW deliberately look to HIM and declare your trust in Him. The message of Hab. 3:17-19 is that your security is in GOD, not in circumstances. The circumstances may be real, but they do not have the final word - that is reserved for GOD. Don't let the circumstances have the final word in your life today. Rather, look to God, and let HIM have the final say on your situation. I promise, if you will, He will make you TO WALK ON HIGH PLACES - places of praise, joy, thanksgiving and enjoyment of God's supply.

Love in Jesus,



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