FEAR

We know that you are facing death, and FEAR is a natural reaction.

This **guidebook** is **not** written to make you **afraid** or **torture** you mentally.

This section is included **to help you** find **strength** and **comfort** in the **TRUTH** of GOD'S WORD.

The **FEAR of the LORD IS** the beginning of **WISDOM**.

Proverbs 9:10 NKJV

Being human, you will feel fear. But allowing FEAR to *control you* is to **DOUBT God's** POWER and GOODNESS.

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present *Help* in Trouble. Therefore **we will not fear,** though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.

Psalm 46:1-3 NIV

The **LORD** *IS* my light and my salvation—**whom shall I fear?**The **LORD** *IS* the stronghold of my life—**of whom shall I be afraid?**

Psalm 27:1 NIV

The **greatest weapon** Satan and his demons have to use against you is **NOT FEAR**, but FEAR runs a close **second** (see Spiritual Warfare **page 170** for #1).

You may have heard the saying **FIGHT** FEAR **WITH** FAITH.

It is true, we should always *have faith*. But **rest** easy, **God is still God** even when our **faith** becomes weak or **falters**.

Our **FAITH** *does not make* **God** better. God NEVER changes!

The **LORD** *IS* with me; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?

Psalm 118:6 NIV

Your **faith in God GROWS** when it is tested. As your faith grows, you get **better** at using the **WHOLE ARMOR OF GOD.**

Christians in the early church were killed for their faith. And because of their strong beliefs many other people chose to follow Jesus.

According to Revelation, if you choose to *finally* trust in **Jesus** *during* the time of **Great Tribulation**, you will **be hunted** and *killed*. **Beheaded**. See **page 195** for a list of upcoming events.

Your courage in the face of death will help other people turn to **Jesus** just as the early church martyrs did.

So we may boldly say: "The Lord IS my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?"

Hebrews 13:6 NKJV





And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to *destroy* both soul and body in *HELL*. [*destroy is not a one-and-done event in this case.* It is an *ongoing, forever process*.]

[Interjections in brackets] Matthew 10:28 NKJV

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Isaiah 41:10 NIV

People have tried to overcome their fears by themselves and with *their own* strength. Usually without much success.

Conquering your **fears** is **not** something **you** have to do **alone**.

Put ALL of your confidence and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ and set your heart to follow His ways in all things.

You CAN trust Him for the courage you need for EVERYTHING you will face.

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; HE will never leave you nor forsake you.

Deuteronomy 31:6 NIV

For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

2 Timothy 1:7 NKJV

God created us. Jesus died for us. God wants us to *live* for Him. Living for God means we are willing to do what He wants us to do.

In the time of the Great Tribulation,
living for God means using your life
and death as a testimony of God.
So other people will believe. So that
they will not suffer in Hell forever.

For I am the LORD your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you.

Isaiah 41:13 NIV

Understand this:

NOTHING, absolutely *NOTHING* can *EVER* happen to you that God, *Himself*, does not *allow*.

If He allows it, He has A PURPOSE for it.

One more time: EVERYTHING that happens to you, God MUST allow. God is **NOT** taken by surprise by anything.

But know this: God has **NEVER CAUSED** anything **bad** to happen to you or anyone.

Satan and his *MINIONS* are the cause of ALL EVIL.

But there **have been** and **will be** times that **God turns** aside **just enough** to **allow** (not to cause, only **ALLOW**) **something SPECIFIC to happen**.

And **HE** always has a purpose for allowing whatever that is.

We do not always understand why God allows certain things to happen to us, but God's ways are higher than our ways.

"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," says the LORD.
"For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts.

Isaiah 55:8-9 NKJV

But this **time** of *Great Tribulation* is **for** *Israel* specifically.

God is trying to **get the attention** of **His chosen people** so they will **turn back to Him** and He can save them — *this does not mean* that **Israel** is having an **easier time than the rest** of the world.

They need your prayers that they will **turn back to God** and **recognize** King Jesus as **the Messiah**.

But *for* the rest of *the world*... well.... For the rest of *the world*, this is a time known as **the Day of the Lord**.

This is a bad day for the rest of the world — that is not part of Israel. Especially, since the world has been doing a thorough job of storing up God's wrath for this day that really lasts 7 years.

So, **when** we said that God has **never caused** anything **bad** to happen to you or anyone, we **were referring** to the **time BEFORE** we disappeared.

The Day of the Lord is a time of God's RIGHTEOUS wrath and judgment on the world. And you are on the RECEIVING END of God's righteous judgement.

According to Romans 1:18-22 on **page 77**... everyone has the opportunity to learn about God.

We wish you had taken it seriously and trusted in Jesus *BEFORE He rescued us*.