

VERSES FOR REFLECTION IN TIMES OF FEAR

- Psalm 23:4 (NASB) - Even though I walk through the [a]valley of the shadow of death, **I fear no evil, for You are with me**; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.
- Psalm 27:1-3 (NASB) - **The Lord is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear?** The Lord is the defense of my life; Whom shall I dread? When evildoers came upon me to devour my flesh, My adversaries and my enemies, they stumbled and fell. Though a host encamp against Me, My heart will not fear; Though war arise against me, In spite of this I shall be confident.
- **Psalm 46 – 1-3, 10-11** - **God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.**

“Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!” The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.
- Psalm 111:9-10 (NASB) - He has sent redemption to His people; He has ordained His covenant forever; Holy and awesome is His name. **The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom**; A good understanding have all those who do His commandments; His praise endures forever.
- Psalm 118:5-7 (NASB) - From my distress I called upon the Lord; The Lord answered me and set me in a large place. **The Lord is for me; I will not fear**; What can man do to me?
- **Matthew 6:15-33** - “For this reason I say to you, **do not be worried about your life**, as to what you will eat or what you will drink; nor for your body, as to what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? 26 Look at the birds of the air, that they do not sow, nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they? 27 And who of you by being worried can add a single hour to his life? 28 And why are you worried about clothing? Observe how the lilies of the field grow; they do not toil nor do they spin, 29 yet I say to you that not even Solomon in all his glory clothed himself like one of these. 30 But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, will He not much more clothe you? You of little faith! 31 Do not worry then, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear for clothing?’ 32 For the Gentiles eagerly seek all these things; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. 33 **But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness**, and all these things will be added to you.
- Matthew 28:18-20 - And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, **“All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.** 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, **I am with you** always, even to the end of the age.”

OBEYING GOVERNMENT AND RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

- **Romans 13:1-4** - **Let every person be subject to the governing authorities.** For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. 2 Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. 3 For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, 4 for he is God's servant for your good.
- **Acts 5:28-30** English Standard Version (ESV) - 28 saying, "We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man's blood upon us." 29 But Peter and the apostles answered, **"We must obey God rather than men.** 30 The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree.