The Safest Place To Be Regardless Of The Circumstances Is Where The Lord Will Have Us To Be



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"He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty." -Psalm 91:1

The other day while broadcasting <u>The Sons of Liberty Radio</u>, I received a call into the show asking me what is going to happen to the Christians that are occupying during these times of God's judgments upon this country. I responded with, the Bible does tell us:

"Tell the righteous it will be well with them, for they will enjoy the fruit of their deeds," while on the other hand "Woe unto the wicked! it shall be ill with him: for the reward of his hands shall be given him." -Isaiah 3:10-11

As we can see, the Lord is very specific in His judgments.

I went on and said that I have never personally witnessed the Lord leave us in the hand of our enemies in the time of judgment (Psalm 7:6).

As a matter of fact, I have seen where the Lord said, "touch not mine anointed (Psalm 105:15), and brought recompense unto

those who troubled the righteous (2 Thessalonians 1:6) swiftly (Deuteronomy 7:10).

When you go to Deuteronomy 28:7, Scripture tells us that in His Providence the promises are for us, not against us (2 Corinthians 1:20).

"The LORD shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face: they shall come out against thee one way, and flee before thee seven ways."

Then, as I was communicating this (John 7:38), I said, by the Holy Ghost who brings all things to our remembrance, being in the will of God is the safest place to be in whatever state you may be in.

Let me give you some examples:

Noah was commanded to build the ark, which was set for judgment upon the heads of those who refused the Lord's mercy, as well as it was to save those who responded to His warnings (Genesis 6:13-22).

The rain that the Lord sent was used to judge the unrepentant and wicked men (to drown them), but it was also brought forth to float Noah's ark which again, in the end, saved their lives — souls.

"When once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water." -1 Peter 3:20

The safest place for Noah and his family was right where the Lord had put them: Right in the midst of His judgments.

What of Goshen? This was a time when the Lord was judging Pharaoh, his house, and his servants, as well as their animals. However, the Lord told His people through Moses to remain in Goshen.

"And I will sever in that day the land of Goshen, in which my people dwell, that no swarms of flies shall be there; to the end thou mayest know that I am the LORD in the midst of the earth. And I will put a division between My people and thy people." -Exodus 8:22-25

The safest place for the children of Israel to reside in was in obedience to the Lord and His directives.

Also, remember when the Lord brought the Children of Israel to the sea's edge? The Lord made a strait way for His children to get through to the other side in safety and in possession.

This was a time when they were being hunted down by the Pharaoh and his armies, only to hear the Lord say "Be still and no that I am God" (Psalm 46:10).

"And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the LORD caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided." -Exodus 14:21

And in Exodus 14:28, "And the waters returned, and covered the chariots, and the horsemen, and all the host of Pharaoh that came into the sea after them; there remained not so much as one of them."

For the children of Israel, it was the safest place for them to be. It was the Lord's deliverance and salvation, while on the other hand, it was the end of the cruelties of Pharaoh and his army.

What of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego?

King Nebuchadnezzar made a decree that all must worship the image which he created, or else they would burn.

"Thou, O king, hast made a decree, that every man that shall hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, shall fall

down and worship the golden image:

And whoso falleth not down and worshippeth, that he should be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace." -Daniel 3:10-11

How did the three men respond? They refused to worship the idol. In accordance to their love for the Lord, they obeyed Him even at the cost of their lives, if need be (Daniel 3:18).

Because of their obedience, they were in the safest place in the world, which was in the midst of the fire that was heated seven times hotter (Daniel 3:19).

In Daniel 3:24-25, Scripture tells us, "Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astonished, and rose up in haste, and spake, and said unto his counsellors, Did not we cast three men bound into the midst of the fire? They answered and said unto the king, True, O king. He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God."

Consider, if you will, that these men, if they were not in the will of God which was in the midst of the fire, the fourth man would not have shown up to deliver them, as well as the king destroying his own idols.

In response, the king stated to his people:

"Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who hath sent his angel, and delivered his servants that trusted in him, and have changed the king's word, and yielded their bodies, that they might not serve nor worship any god, except their own God." -Daniel 3:28

These men chose to be in the midst of the fire, in the will of God, regardless of the circumstances.

What of Daniel? Daniel was thrown in the lion's den for refusing the kings decree. In response to Daniel's faith, the

Lord sent His angels to protect him (Daniel 6:13).

"My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me: forasmuch as before him innocency was found in me; and also before thee, 0 king, have I done no hurt." —Daniel 6: 22

Take note: In the end, this was a judgment upon the heads of Daniels accusers.

"And the king commanded, and they brought those men which had accused Daniel, and they cast them into the den of lions, them, their children, and their wives; and the lions had the mastery of them, and brake all their bones in pieces or ever they came at the bottom of the den." —Daniel 6:24

What of the disciples, the eleven of the twelve who were martyred? This seemed to be a judgment upon the righteous rather than the other way around. How was that the safest place to be?

The disciples were, without a doubt, in the will of God.

Look to our (their) Lord: Jesus was crucified, in which He was appointed as the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world (John 1:29). One must also remember that this was a judgment upon the prince of the world.

"Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out." -John 12:31

Furthermore, Scripture tells us in 1 Corinthians 2:8:

"Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory."

Why, might you ask? Because it is in understanding the mind of the Spirit that brings about the power of God unto salvation! Read Romans 1:16!

So, in understanding the lesson here, all of the wicked and their counsels and devices that are aimed at the Lord and His children merely ends in self destruction. In life, or in death.

"The tyrant dies and his rule is over; the martyr dies and his rule begins."

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