

Encouraging Facts

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Introduction

1. 1 Peter 5:7; Matthew 6:34
2. Yet in the world there is much to cause anxiety and concern.
3. With sickness, pain, and death that brushes all our lives from time to time; dwelling on these may cause us to become despondent.
4. For your consideration some facts we would do well to remember.
5. Remembering these will help us avoid worry, bitterness or despondency.

II Discussion

1. Fact There is a God in Heaven Daniel 2:28
 - a. Genesis 1:1
 - b. Hebrews 11:6
 - c. J. S. Fearis in Beautiful Isle of Somewhere (page 30) wrote: "Somewhere the sun is shining, Somewhere the songbird dwell; Hush, then, thy sad repining, God lives, and all is well!"
 - d. "God's in His heaven – all's right with the world" Robert Browning
2. Fact The most High ruleth in the kingdom of men Daniel 4:17
 - a. And giveth it to whomsoever he will." The rest of the verse
 - b. Proverbs 14:34 Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to...
 - c. Psalm 33:12 Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; and the people ...
 - i. It does not say, blessed is the nation who has the most troops, tanks, guns or the most nuclear warheads or superior Air Force.
 - d. Joshua 7 Israel, with a superior army, was defeated at Ai because of their disobedience.
 - e. 2 Kings 17 Israel was overcome by Assyria and taken off into captivity because of sin
 - f. 2 Kings 24 & 25 Judah was carried away into Babylon because of her rebellion against God
 - g. God has blessed America. America is not grateful, else its sins would not grow worse and worse with each passing year.
 - h. For the salvation of our souls, we need to be a penitent, thankful, righteous people; but also for the welfare of our nation.
3. Fact The Lord thy God is a merciful God. Deuteronomy 4:31
 - a. Jeremiah 3:12 "I am merciful, saith the Lord."
 - b. 2 Chronicles 7:14 "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble..."
 - c. Merciful and Merciless are next to each other in the dictionary, but poles apart in meaning.
 - d. Isaiah 55:6-7 Seek ye the Lord while
 - e. God's mercy depends on our repentance and submission to His will.
4. Fact God will never leave nor forsake His children Hebrews 13:5-6.
 - a. God can't leave us for His credibility is at stake

- b. I might leave Him, but He cannot leave me Hebrews 6:18.
- c. Matthew 6:33
- d. Philippians 4:19 But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches
- e. Ephesians 3:20-21 Now unto him that is able

III Conclusion

1. Comforting to know that: there is a God in heaven, the Most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, The Lord our God is a merciful God, Our God will never leave us or forsake us.
2. But it is comforting only to those who are His children.
3. Are you a child of God? You can be this very evening and then enjoy the blessings that we have discussed.
4. Come now.

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