

The Rock House Church
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Today GOD IS MY
Focal Point
TO FEAR GOD IS TO LIVE

TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE [Proverbs 1:7](#) *The **fear of the Lord** is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction. The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God."* [Psalms 14:1](#)
[Romans 11:33](#) *Oh, (believer come and know) the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways!*

TODAY'S TRUTH: [John 10:28](#) *Jesus said, "I give eternal life to them and they will never perish or not one of them will be snatched out of My hand."*

Today He speaks: *"My Love, understanding, and strength will never leave you for your eternal Father is your protection. Come and rest in My Everlasting Arms, so untiring, so safe, so sure. My marvels or My ways are unfolding before you and they only need the watering of your own thankful spirit and loving heart."*

"Yes." I answer. "I rejoice in You---Your everlasting Arms are above and below me sustaining my walk as Your Spirit lights my way." I pause to think---"Thank you Father, Thank you Jesus, Thank you Spirit"

He continues; *"There is always a blockage when supplies seem short---but it's not from My abundance end---your giving---giving of worship; giving from a joyful heart; giving with thanksgiving clears that away and lets the Spirit of My Supply flow clear; beyond all words is My Love and Care for you. Be sure of it. Rejoice in it."*

"Yes, Yes" my reply. "I worship you today with my everything. I Joy in my salvation---You didn't want heaven without---me! Yes; so Jesus, You brought heaven down and yes my sin was great BUT Your love is greater; nothing can separate us now----" I pause to think—Joy floods my heart. "What a beautiful, wonderful, all powerful Name it is The Name of Jesus Christ my King---I worship You today."

*"Now—right now---I lay My Loving Hands on you---relax and Feel their tender pressure in you. Let My Courage and hope flow into your being." **Father concludes** "How often, when you aren't looking, I go before you to prepare the way, to soften a heart here, to override there--pulling down every stronghold, breaking every chain. Come my child, take refuge in My Everlasting Arms, so untiring, so safe, so sure." [Psalm 23:1](#) "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want..." ([Deut. 33:27](#): [Matthew 6:33](#): [Ephesians 2:14](#))*

TODAY'S QUOTE: [Lysa TerKeurst](#) simply stated pride verses trust, "I believe the opposite of pride **is trust in God**. Pride begs us to believe it all depends on us. Trusting God requires us to place our dependence on Him. And the pathway that leads us away from pride and into a place of truly trusting God is paved with **humility**. Humility is never bought at a cheap price. It will always cost us something but will be worth the price we pay."

[William Barclay](#): said "There are two great days in a person's life: the day you are born, and the day you discover why." (Born again to trust)

[Benjamin Franklin](#): said "He that can take rest (trust) is greater than he who can take cities."

[Johnny Enlow](#); God Says, "I Played My Trump Card, I Will Win the Hand"

"THIS IS A GREAT MYSTERY-----BUT THIS I KNOW---I AM HIS," JESUS," PERSONAL FRIEND."

TODAY'S THINKING: [Isaiah 49:16](#) ERV: *I drew a picture of you on my hand. You are always before my eyes.*

True or false: *My personal problems prove that God is just a figment of my imagination, all my religion is all made up!!*

When I go through the trials, troubles, and tribulation of this life there is always the temptation to think that God has forgotten me. During such times, I tend to think that God is far away from me, that He does not really care about me, and that He has forgotten little old me. Depression and discouragement quickly sets in and although it may not seem like it at times, the Bible tells us a very different story the truth is just the opposite!

In order to illustrate his point, Isaiah drew an analogy between a mother and her child and God and His people. He quotes God as saying, "Can a woman forget her baby? Can she forget the child that came from her body? Even if she can forget her children, I cannot forget you" (Isaiah 49:15). God's memory of me, in other words, is even greater than a mother's memory of her children. I am God's child, and He cannot forget me because I'm the "apple of His eye" (Zechariah 2:8).

In order to press home his point, Isaiah quotes God as saying that "I drew a picture of you on my hand." You might say, God has a tattoo of me on his hand. The image is meant to convey the idea that God cannot put His hand to anything without being reminded of me. God cares so much that He tattooed His hand with my pictures.

I'm always before the eyes of the Lord. Although God may allow the trials, troubles, and tribulations into my life the truth is, "The LORD is leading me. He himself is with me. He can not and will not fail me or leave me. I have nothing to worry or be afraid about!" (Deuteronomy 31:8).

God really cares about me. God has not forgotten me. He has the pictures of me to prove it.

True or false: *God's love for me goes on and on, bringing me into Eternity---beginning today.*

True or false: *Is there a difference between OT and NT thinking? Old and New Covenant?*

True or false: *What is your favorite 'Mystery Story' in the Bible?*

Mystery "Dinner" or event can be scary, puzzling, strange, secrets, bizarre or just different. Most people don't like a mystery because they want to reduce life into what they can comprehend through their "own reasoning" and 5 senses.

This is like trying to love somebody with only their picture and maybe a note or two *rather* than meeting and knowing the real living person. A 'Fantasy relationship' always is empty.

God enjoys perfect relationship in the "Trinity" and to us---that is a mystery!

A greater mystery is this---Father God wants the same relationship with you and me.

Our living Savior is ever present for us to enjoy---no barriers between us! Jesus said, "My blood keeps on cleaning away your sin; breaking every chain; removing ever barrier; Resurrection life Living in you giving you new vision with new eyes to see from Our point of view---your life;

God your Father puts His Holy Spirit into you as a# 1 guarantee; #2 guide; #3 teacher; but #4 most importantly so you become part of His mystery---how "The Perfect God" can come and live in His imperfect man---mainly you!

God's perfect creation---became sinful---separation from God to death.

God's perfect Son Jesus---became man then became sin---taking the penalty for our sin.

God's perfect sacrifice for sin---His Own Self---setting us free from His judgment of separation to death.

God's perfect plan, His mystery---Living in His restored creation---Breathing New Life, His Life Eternal.

THIS IS A GREAT MYSTERY-----BUT THIS I KNOW---I was once lost but now I AM FOUND!!

THIS IS A GREAT MYSTERY-----BUT THIS I KNOW---I was once bound to sin now I AM FREE!!

THIS IS A GREAT MYSTERY-----BUT THIS I KNOW---I was once blind but now I SEE!!

THIS IS A GREAT MYSTERY-----BUT THIS I KNOW---I was once dead but now I AM ALIVE!!

THIS IS A GREAT MYSTERY-----BUT THIS I KNOW---I am a child/son of the MOST HIGH GOD!!!

STILL THINKING: Guilt is a feeling of self-condemnation over doing something; guilt is not a helpful emotion because it brings you down causing you to look only at your failure; So if you struggle with guilt, which most people do, and want resolution, exchange your guilt for remorse instead.

Remorse versus Guilt: what is the difference?

GUILT: awareness of doing something wrong; fact of wrong doing; legal culpability

REMORSE: strong feeling of guilt with regret; sorrow or shame; regret leading to repentance.

Corinthians 7:9-10: "Yet now I am happy, not because you were made sorry, but because your sorrow led you to repentance. For you became sorrowful as God intended and so were not harmed in any way by us. Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death."

If there is no remorse for the sin committed, then there is no room for forgiveness. (I am not sorry for what I did---I am only sorry I got caught.)

Guilt with remorse bring confronting of my own problem; humility, confession, repentance, salvation.

James 3:17 But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy. And the seed whose fruit is righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace

STILL THINKING "Dopamine"—A chemical compound occurring in the brain. Stimulated by outside conditions, events, pressures or by eyes, ears, smells, touch and taste; epinephrine or adrenaline etc..

QUESTION: What happens when you see a car coming at you in your lane?

Dopamine = adrenaline is released causing you to react by----!

What happens when your cell phone beeps or vibrates so you know you have a message?

Dopamine is released telling you that you must answer this "ring" right now!

What happens when we don't get any messages?

Derek Prince "Beginning Your Day "

Psalm 5:3 (1. *Worship*) *Morning by morning, O Lord, (2. Proclaim) you hear my voice; morning by morning (3. Declare) I lay my requests before You and (4. Receive) wait in expectation.*

How do you begin each day? Does your day begin with a scramble, with a flurry, with trying to do three different things at the same time? Do you find yourself often short of breath, short of temper, angry with your wife or husband, scolding the kids, unrestful, anxious, perplexed? Do you go out into the day unprepared, ill armed, not altogether confident of what lies ahead of you? The reason is you didn't begin the day right.

Take a lesson from David. He says to the Lord: "Morning by morning, O Lord, you hear my voice." The first thing David did each morning was to lift his voice to the Lord.

He goes on to say, "Morning by morning, I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation."

That's the wise way to begin the day. Lift your voice to God in prayer; lay your requests before Him. Set out before Him the things you are going to have to do that day. Commit to Him the problems, the difficulties you anticipate, and then, like David, you will be able to wait in expectation. You won't be worried, fearful. You will be expecting the answers to those prayers that you committed to God in the morning. Remember, that's the secret. Begin each day by letting God hear your voice.

Romans 15:5 Now may the God who gives perseverance and encouragement grant you to be of the same mind with one another according to Christ Jesus, so that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

TODAY'S HUMOR: The most powerful I ever feel is waving pedestrians to walk in front of my car: "Go forth, and trust that I will not kill you!"

*****WATCHMEN ON THE WALL:***** Each of us has been chosen to be a watchman of the Lord in this generation. *It is a calling. An assignment.* And in whatever ways God calls you to pray, it should be a very *strategic appointment on your calendar.*

We get an indication of the importance of our assignments in this exhortation from Isaiah 62:6-7: "I have posted watchmen on your walls, Jerusalem; they will never be silent day or night. You who call on the Lord, give yourselves no rest, and give Him no rest till He establishes Jerusalem and makes her the praise of the earth."

The Greek word for watch is *grégoreó*, which means to be awake or vigilant. Dictionaries bring us a variety of definitions, including "keeping awake in order to guard," "a close observation," "to be on the alert," and "to be alert."

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| 1. Pray for yourself (1 Peter 5:8) | 6. Pray for those in persecution (Hebrew 13:3) |
| 2. Pray for your family (Col. 3:18-24) | 7. Pray for those doing the persecuting (Matt. 5:44) |
| 3. Pray for Church (Acts 2:42) | 8. Pray for the families being persecuted (Heb. 4:16) |
| 4. Pray for Spiritual leaders (1 Peter 5) | 9. Pray that churches would rise up (Acts 4:23-25) |
| 5. Pray for Government (Romans 13:1) | 10. Pray world leaders to fight persecution (Psalm 2:10-12) |

A Crazy Hunch and a High Hope by Max Lucado

"If I can just touch his clothes," she thinks, "I will be healed." ([Mark 5:28](#) NCV).

Risky decision. To touch him, she will have to touch the people. If one of them recognizes her ... hello rebuke, good-bye cure. But what choice does she have? She has no money, no clout, no friends, no solutions. All she has is a crazy hunch that Jesus can help and a high hope that he will.

Maybe that's all you have: a crazy hunch and a high hope. You have nothing to give. But you are hurting. And all you have to offer him is your hurt.

Maybe that has kept you from coming to God. Oh, you've taken a step or two in his direction. But then you saw the other people around him. They seemed so clean, so neat, so trim and fit in their faith. And when you saw them, they blocked your view of him. So you stepped back.

If that describes you, note carefully, only one person was commended that day for having faith. It wasn't a wealthy giver. It wasn't a loyal follower. It wasn't an acclaimed teacher. It was a shame-struck, penniless outcast who clutched onto her hunch that he could and her hope that he would.

Which, by the way, isn't a bad definition of faith: A conviction that he can and a hope that he will. Sounds similar to the definition of faith given by the Bible. "Without faith no one can please God. Anyone who comes to God must believe that he is real and that he rewards those who truly want to find him" ([Heb. 11:6](#) NCV).

Not too complicated is it? Faith is the belief that God is real and that God is good. Faith is not a mystical experience or a midnight vision or a voice in the forest ... it is a choice to believe that the one who made it all hasn't left it all and that he still sends light into shadows and responds to gestures of faith.

There was no assurance, of course. She hoped he'd respond ... she longed for it ... but she didn't know if he would. All she knew was that he was there and that he was good. That's faith.

Faith is not the belief that God will do what you want. Faith is the belief that God will do what is right.

THINK PRESENT: GOD IS HERE! By VBOJR 5/21/17

His Love is here; it's so thick and so tangible;
Encounter God's Love today, it's real so reliable
Brace yourself—God's Love is blowing through---this day
Encounter with God changes everything coming my way
His Love is blowing through here today, helps me to endure.
Encounter with God's Love changes me forever, I am sure.

PRAYER: Jesus, May Your Kingdom come and Your Will be done---in my world today! Jesus Name Amen