

LOOKING IN TRIUMPH

SCRIPTURAL REFERENCE

Psalms 112:1-10

ADDITIONAL STUDY

Psalms 56:1-4, Job 5:19, & Romans 8:28

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, I put my trust in You, and I know I will not be put to shame. May my heart remain steadfast in You, so I will continually be kept in peace of mind. I make a bold declaration today, "Regardless of whatever my adversary threatens, I will not be afraid, my final outcome is victory, and I will look on in triumph in Jesus' name."

He is not afraid of bad news; his heart is firm, trusting in the Lord. His heart is steady; he will not be afraid, until he looks in triumph on his adversaries. Psalms 112:7&8 (ESV)

Is it possible not to be afraid of bad news especially when it is close to home? Can you stay calm if you get news that a close family member is terminally ill? What if you get news of a planned mass retrenchment at your place of work, what will you do? How would you react if you suddenly hear that there is an upsurge in criminal activities around your neighborhood? According to our text, the only way to escape being afraid of bad news is to firmly trust in the Lord. Yes, it is possible to hear all the bad news happening around and still live in peace as long as you trust God; because God keeps in peace anyone whose heart is steadfast, and trusts Him (Isaiah 26:3).

As a believer, you shouldn't fear the things the world fears; neither should you react to unfavorable news the way the world reacts. This Scripture right here is an assurance of what will happen to you at the end of whatever challenge you go through in life – it says you will look in triumph on your adversaries (the things that came to take you down). This means, you have been promised the victory regardless of how powerful your adversary may seem. Your adversary is anything that contends, opposes, or resists you from making progress or living the abundant life Jesus died to give you. It could be sickness, lack, barrenness, depression, financial hardship, emotional trauma, career frustration, etc.

Furthermore, God's consistent care in your life will make an impression for all to see that you fear God and are truly blessed of Him. He will shine His light upon every dark area in your life. So, be rest assured, you will not be over thrown by evil circumstances; rather you will look at evil and laugh because its desire for you will perish. Ultimately, all things will work together for your good; everything your adversary meant for evil will be turned around as a blessing in the long run. However, you can only be triumphant if your heart wholly trusts the Lord. Keep your heart steadfast in the Lord regardless of your circumstances; you will not be put to shame because God knows how to deliver you from every trouble.

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