Daily Devotion #209

**No Fear in Death**

**John 17:12 (NASB)** *"While I was with them, I was keeping them in Your name which You have given Me; and I guarded them and not one of them perished but the son of perdition, so that the Scripture would be fulfilled.”*

There is nothing like the feeling that security brings. I remember many times growing up when my dad and mom would sit me on their laps and hug me. I can’t explain the feeling, but it was warm and relaxing. I didn’t understand that well enough to put into words at the time, but I understand that feeling very well now.

We are built to need security. That’s why we lock our doors at night. That’s why we enjoy a warm night in the living room when the weather outside is cold and dark. That’s why we love being with people who know us so we don’t have to put on a front or be something or someone we are not. That’s why we like guard railings on bridges and knowing the pilot who is flying the plane has a lot of training. And many other things like these. Our love for security is why most people are afraid of the unknown. They lose their sense of security when things are unclear. And that’s exactly why people are afraid of dying. Death for many is elusive and mysterious. There is too much for the human mind to comprehend, so it creates great fear and insecurity in many people. But it doesn’t need too. The whole reason Jesus came was to save us from the insecurity of death. He came to rescue us from the penalty of our sin but also to show us that death is just a doorway to the Father.

Many people say they believe that, but their actions tell otherwise. Most people don’t even like the thought of death. In fact, when a loved one dies or a friend dies, most people are tramatized by having to go to the funeral. And its all because the fear of the unknown brings a lot of insecurity.

When Jesus was about to be arrested, He left us his final prayer in John 17. This is the greatest of all prayers because it was the prayer from the Lord Himself. And in that prayer He prays for all those people who He has come to rescue. But more specifically, those who the Father had already given Him. The Bible is clear that God chose the people who belong to Him before they even knew Him. Just a few verses before Jesus’s prayer, He says this: **John 17:6 (NASB)** *"I have manifested Your name to the men whom You gave Me out of the world; they were Yours and You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word.”* And He says the same thing in verse 9. **John 17:9 (NASB)** *"I ask on their behalf; I do not ask on behalf of the world, but of those whom You have given Me; for they are Yours.”*

All who have trusted Christ as their Lord and Savior are safe. We are secure in Him. Notice Jesus says, all the Father gave Him, He has lost none. The most secure place anyone could be is in the hands of Jesus. How much more secure could anyone be?

Beloved think about it. You and I are secure for eternity. There is nothing in this life that can or will ever change that. In fact, to help you see this more clearly, listen to what Jesus also said when talking to the false teachers of Israel. **John 10:26-29 (NASB)** "Y*ou do not believe because you are not of My sheep. My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.”*

Live your days dear ones knowing that you are forever secure in God’s love and power. Nothing in this life will ever change that. Enjoy your days; be free to live and worship and serve. Live life to the fullest. You belong to Him. And, if you don’t belong to Him, make that commitment today, and sing with the rest of us, “No guilt in life, no fear in death. This is power of Christ in me!”