

"Do Not Fear"
Isaiah 41:10
New Year's Message
December 27, 2020

Isaiah 41 "The Greatness Of God's Purpose"

Isaiah 41:1-2 God would use King Cyrus (Persia) from the East:

Isaiah 41:3-7 God says out of fear; His people will turn to idols that cannot save them:

Isaiah 41:8-20 Israel did not have to fear:

Isaiah 41:21-29 God says that it is futile to trust in idols:

Isaiah 41:8-20 We have this passage that I believe gives us the secret of **"Encouragement For A New Year."**

Thought Of Our Passage: "God's Command To Not To Fear Comes With God's Promise Of His Presence, Power And God's Care."

1. God's Command

2. God's Presence

3. God's Power

4. God's Care

1. God's Command

Isaiah 41:10 God Gives 2 "Do Not's" we are to guard against:

(1) 'Do not fear,

(2) Do not anxiously look about you,

'Do not – is a **Command, Decree** – *"a formal and authoritative order, a command"* **'Do not fear, Do not anxiously look about you,**

"Fear" - robs us of our trust in Jesus Christ **'Do not fear, "be afraid"** The NT Greek word **Anxiety** – *"to be drawn into different directions, to be pulled apart, to strangle"* (*Worry Strangles The Worrier*).

Death – **Phi. 1:21 "To die is gain."**

Failure – **Phil. 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ who **strengthens me.**"**

Fear of losing Security – **Phil. 4:19 "My God shall supply all your **needs...**"**

Future – **Matt. 28:20 "Lo, I am with you always..."**

"Dismay" - robs us of confidence in Jesus Christ.

Do not anxiously look about you, (dismay) literally, "to look away, gaze about" See no hope in God!

God's command is not merely negative. He wants our minds to dwell on the knowledge that He alone is the Lord.

'Do not fear, Fear and Faith are never good companions. **Ephesians 3:20**

**A key verse that gives us the secret to a growing faith.
Romans 10:17**

God wants us to enjoy this next year without fear.

The secret is hearing the "Word of God."

So faith [comes] from hearing. The need of teaching.

If you want a year to grow in faith and not grow in fear, you need to consistently hear the teaching of the Word of God.

Do not anxiously look about you, (dismay) Israel's future looked bleak.

Don't Focus Upon Our Circumstances: look about you,

Our eyes are not to be on our Circumstances - **2 Corinthians 4:17-18**

Word - We need to hold on to the Scriptures in time of affliction.

Prayer - We need the unity and the peace that prayer can bring.

Holy Spirit - We need His power.

Don't Focus Upon Our Past: Our eyes should not be on the Past
Philippians 3:13

Don't Focus Upon Ourselves: Our eyes should not fall into introspection
either - **Romans 7:18**

We Must Have The Up Look: Look up because God Reigns
Colossians 3:1-2

Romans 13:11

Warren Wiersbe said, "We must look up and thus be ready to go up!"

2. God's Presence

**Isaiah 41:10 For The 2 "Do Not's" There Are The 2 "I AM's."
I am with you; I am your God.**

I am with you; The promise of God's presence is a life without fear.

I am your God. God's power means a life without dismay. **Mark 4:35-41**

3. God's Power

Isaiah 41:10 for I am your God. This promise is to the weakest of all His saints. **for I am your God.** He is the God of every person that has trusted Him.

God - Is the primary name of Deity. **Elohim** – a compound word "*The Strong One,*" but also "*to bind oneself by an oath, implies faithfulness.*"

God - "*The Strong One who will carry out every promise on our behalf*" He is mighty and faithful who promised. *God is all-powerful.*

4. God's Care

Isaiah 41:10 Note: "The 3 "I Will's" (Triplet Of Certainty) should cause us to slay any fears that we may have.

1. I will strengthen you, (The God of Strength). **The secret of strength is in the consciousness of weakness.** When we are weak, then we are strong.

"When my weakness leans on His might, all is right."

Genesis 14:22-23; 2 Corinthians 12:9

It is when you and I are blind to our weakness that we try in our own strength to make things happen.

We Need To Get Right With God: Revelation 2:5

We Need To Serve Jesus Christ:

Let Us Be Doers Of The Word:

2. I will help you, (The God of Comfort). This is God's offer to take the heaviest end of the load and assist us in carrying it.

Psalm 46:1-2

present help - literally means that *"He stands ready to undertake for us in the tight places."* The Hebrew implies that *"God runs out speedily to meet and help His troubled children."*

Psalm 70:5; Hebrews 13:6

Mark 1:40-42

3. I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.'

(The God of Support) **I will uphold** - *"to sustain, to help, follow close, take, up - hold up, stay up."*

My righteous - This is the standard of that which is *"right, true, holy and pure."*

God Can Only Uphold That Which Is Righteous: *"Right, true, holy and pure."*

God Can Only Judge Righteously: *"Right, true, holy and pure."*

right hand - The right hand in Scripture represents *"the place of power, the position of highest honor."*

The Lord's promise that He will hold our hand. **Isaiah 41:13**

Application:

Be Committed To Grow In 2021 –

If Calvary Chapel Rialto Is Your Home – Be Committed To Unity!

"How To Prepare So We Can Receive From The Word"

Concentration – Give full attention to God; listen for God's Message to you. Don't get sidetracked on the messenger.

Application - Not how I feel, but how I act that really matters. Let God's Word be the final authority.

Pray For The Staff -