

Are you really making Yahweh your Stronghold?

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“Stronghold” means “fortress, a place of security”. A port is a stronghold for a ship to head for when in a storm. Children feel secure in mum's shirt when threatened. Bomb shelters gave security when in the war. People make other things their security for instance:-

Bank balance, family, home, friends, etc.

2Sam. 22v2 The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer, My God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold and my refuge, my saviour ; thou savest me from violence. This was said by King David. – “Horn” normally means “powerful leader” (thus strength). From above we can see that it is impossible to be a True Christian without having total reliance upon Yahweh, thus meaning one's whole life is dedicated to fulfilling His Desire of us

Many people worry about the future and say it is unknown.
But The Bible has something to say about the future.

1Thes. 5v1-5 But as to the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know well that The Day (= *The Millennium*) of the Lord will come like a thief in the night (*thus when the 1st 2nd C occurs it shall be unknown*). When people say, 'There is peace and security,' then sudden destruction will come upon them as travail comes upon a woman with child, and there will be no escape. But you are not in darkness, brethren, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all sons of light and sons of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness.

We, True Christians, know what to look for and so are prepared. The Bible talks about times as you have never seen before (*Matt 24v20-14*). This Great Tribulation is first seen when the false religions will be destroyed by the Earthly powers of this world because their hypocrisy will be demonstrated to all. See Ezekiel (and Revelation).

This will clear the way to a Paradise Earth.

Will we survive at that time?

What is the future of me now?

Some people may believe that human authorities can help them!

Rev. 6v15-16 Then the kings of the earth and the great men and the generals and the rich and the strong, and every one, slave and free, hid in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains, calling to the mountains and the rocks, 'Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who is seated on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb; for the Great Day of their wrath has come, and who can stand before it?'

“Mountains” are used in almost every occasion within The Bible to mean “authorities” and in this instance ‘worldly authorities’.

People saying 'Hide us from God', then turning to the authorities to protect them.

Essentially it will be what we term as “Acts of God” being floods, tornadoes, fire storms, various forms of pollution, also resource shortage, for instance fuel, mineral, clean water, food, etc essentially demanding the worldly authorities to do something about these problems – but these worldly authorities shall be impotent. That is why a world leader/authority/grouping shall be voted in – to become The World's Saviour (the Bible terms this person/authority/grouping “The Beast” basically usurping Jesus' rightful position as The World's Saviour. This beast shall fail thus heralding in The Millennium for The World's rightful king and saviour.

Naham 1v6-7 Who can stand before his indignation? Who can endure the heat of his anger? His wrath is poured out like fire, and the rocks are broken asunder by him. The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; He knows those who take refuge in him.

Are conditions such that we are seeking refuge in God?

Are we doing His Will/Desire?

1. Analyse our life - for our benefit.

We are not forced - God does not want robots or zombies, but we are freely allowed to do what we want to do and suffer the consequences of our foolishness within Satan's inept rule during this 6000 years.

In the end God will sort it out according to His Will in His time.

Prov. 18v10 The name of Yahweh is a strong tower; the righteous man runs into it and is safe.

We should be proud to carry God's name - to represent Him.

Being righteous will fulfil His Will and thus His Desire of us.

2. Are we involved in doing His will?

Prov. 10v29 The Lord is a stronghold to him whose way is upright (= *blameless, righteous*), but destruction to evildoers. We should **not** practice hurtful/harmful things to other entities. The Bible does state things that Yahweh considers are wrong. But The Bible also states that there are things that will hurt people - if people practice them.

God does not what people do to hurt themselves, nor other people and so gives us guide-lines on how to live.

Gal. 5v19-25 This is the list of things that Paul gives to us that we **must not** do.

We should keep away from these things.

They will hurt themselves and other people, parents and friends.

Yahweh God will allow us to hurt ourselves, but think carefully whom are you going to hurt?

Do not flirt with other people unless you desire to marry.

Do not flirt because it will hurt the other person if they wish to be serious.

Do all we can to make our marriage work. God will judge those who fall away.

It is selfishness that often starts this.

Do not get drawn into the normal way of life practiced by worldly people as the norm.

Do not become fascinated by all forms of bad literature, pornographic programs, films, internet sites, entertainment etc.; fight hard to stay away from them.

Clearly people will have sinful thoughts, but try to push them away, do not let them dominate your mind - otherwise you will sin. Try to fill your mind with other rewarding activities and in this manner your thoughts will be channelled into more rewarding activities.

Choice of employment may give rise to questions about your life style. This may draw you away.

1John 2v1-2 My little children, I am writing this to you so that you may not sin; but if any one does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the expiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

1John 2v15-17 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If any one loves the world, love for the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the pride of life, is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world passes away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

We are all something special but we must be careful that we do not fall into the earthly mould and then become reliant upon it - and thus forsaking God's Desire to be paramount and uppermost in our mind.

Yahweh God is our **only** stronghold.

We have our freedom, but we cannot blame God if our life goes wrong - because we have ignored Him.

God is saddened when He sees His creation turn away to its own harm.

1Thes. 4.11-12 But we exhort you, brethren, to do so more and more, to aspire to live quietly, to mind your own affairs, and work with your hands, as we charged you; so that you may command the respect of outsiders, and be dependent on nobody.

Do not seek glory through work.

But do not go too far the other way because The Bible says that if you are not prepared to work then do not expect to be fed! If you are fit and able then you should support yourself and moreover your family's needs as well!

Sadly many people today ignore this requirement.

1Cor. 7v25-31 Better to be single, but if you wish to be married then certainly be married, etc.

This has to be put into context. Do not leave your wife and family to go out preaching. Get the balance right. Do not however make your wife and family so consuming that you forget and so exclude God from your life.

You **must** look after your family, because it **is** your responsibility.

God gave us the ability to have children, so love them and bring them up correctly. Enjoy it while you can but do not let everything else suffer.

We must balance everything that we do in our lives. To be a True Christian, means follow as best as one can the principals and activities of Jesus with the 'gifts' that we have, within the responsibilities assigned to us.

Areas of possible concern that may require attention:-

Are we so consumed with sorrow that we exclude God?

Are we so consumed with pleasurable activities that we exclude God?

Pets are lovely creations, but again they can dominate our lives.

If we apply God's principals (as did Jesus) then we should constantly assess ourselves:-

Is our Christianity progressive?

Are our tempers better, or our habits?

Kindness and temperament - our feelings to other people?

Are we striving to get better?

God has promised that He will help us out of our troubles.

You may think that 'I have problems now' - We all have!

These problems may wear you down if they come against you day after day.

But knowing that there is an Entity who is there to share your problems with, and will help manoeuvre things around if He deems it necessary to support you; does give one the mental ease to master your problems.

Psalm 18v2 The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

Psalm 18v24-26 Therefore the Lord has recompensed me according to my righteousness, according to the cleanness of my hands in his sight. With the loyal thou dost show thyself loyal; with the blameless man thou dost show thyself blameless; with the pure thou dost show thyself pure; and with the crooked thou dost show thyself perverse.

Being positive about personnel suffering gives one an understanding now of how one can help others afflicted with similar problems as yours. You will also be fit and healthy in The New System, by being resurrected into a perfected DNA body. If we have a positive attitude based upon accurate knowledge of Yahweh then you will feel much better (this is often said by medical experts).

Phil. 4v13 I can do all things in him who strengthens me.

All things are possible with Yahweh God.

There were some 'super-fine' apostles who tried to hurt Paul

Keep calm and God will sort it out. Do not return evil for evil, it is better to turn the other cheek.

Psalm 18 This psalm was written because David had just defeated his enemies, and now he was thanking God for it.

God will never desert us (even though we may temporally turn away from Yahweh's Desire of us – but when we come to our senses we must be utterly contrite and deeply apologetic, thus repenting from our misdemeanour).

We are told this comforting information from The Bible:-

Psalm 62v7-8 On God rests my deliverance and my honour; my mighty rock, my refuge is God. Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.

Pour out your heart to God, for God is a refuge for us - for all time.