THREE SHORT COMMANDS

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Let's discuss three "short commands" given in the Scriptures:

"**Fear Not**." "But now, thus says the LORD, Who created you, O Jacob, and He Who formed you, 0 Israel: Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name; you are Mine." {Isaiah 43:1}

Our faith in Christ, and in God's promises, makes it possible for us to live our lives without fear. Remember, if God is for us, our enemies cannot touch us {Romans 8:31}. God is there to help us if we seek His help and counsel (Hebrews 13:5,6). In times of trial, we need never wonder where God is. The bigger question is, where is our faith!

"**Fret Not**." "Do not fret because of evildoers, nor be envious of the workers of iniquity." {Psalm 37:1}

Why do Christians worry about what they cannot change? Evil has been in the world since the fall, and it will be here until the Lord returns. Scriptures tell us that evil men will "grow worse and worse." {2 Timothy 3:13} All we can do is our best. We can remain committed and faithful to God, and everything else will take care of itself. Jesus told us that worry cannot change "one cubit of our stature." {Matthew 6:25-34}

"**Faint Not**." "Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory." {2 Corinthians 4:16,17}

When I was preaching in Las Vegas, one of the older brothers would always tell me that "we must keep on keeping on." This was excellent advice. God's people must never "grow weary in well doing, for we will reap if we faint not." {Galatians 6:9} Take one day at a time- yesterday won't return, and we may not have tomorrow!

Dear reader, are we following these "**three commands**" in our lives as God's people? Indeed, we need never fear, fret or faint- because we have God to help us along the way! What a wonderful God we serve that can well supply every one of our needs from day to day. ******