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OUR TROUBLED TIMES

PHILIPPIANS 4:7-9

We are living in troubling times with more peril yet ahead. Much has been made of the corona virus (covid-19) creating fear among the people which has turned many into submissive “sheeple” (sheep people), bending to every directive of a government agency. There is talk of a mandatory vaccination that will have “other things” added into it, plus “contact tracing” to track your every movement. “Stay at home” orders, quarantines, and government shut down of churches in some states tell us that there is an agenda of control that is taking away our freedoms.

Wisdom tells us that we need to prepare for the “worse times” ahead of us. Store up several months’ worth or maybe even a couple of years’ worth of non-perishable food. Have a water purification system that does not need electricity. Have a way to protect your food supply from ones who would steal it or kill to get it.

However, although we need to prepare, we should not worry or fret or become obsessed with fear or anxiety over it. We must trust God to get us through those times and let the peace of Christ settle within us.

Psalm 91 lets us know that God is our refuge, our fortress, and our deliverer. It is under His wings where we shall trust His protection.

Philippians 4:7 says, “**...the peace of God...shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.**” Verse 8 tells us to think on good things, namely those things that are honest, just, pure, lovely, and of a good report. Do not focus on the negatives. (v. 9) “**and the God of peace shall be with you.**”