

When PPSS STRIKE, TRUST GOD

A Lord's Flock General Assembly Topic

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In life, **Problems, Persecution, Storms, Sufferings (PPSS)** are inevitable. Oftentimes, when PPSS strike, negative thoughts and fear bombard us. However, if we dwell on these, the devil will give us lies and create a stronghold in our minds. We must always choose to trust God right away; He has great things in store for us. "Come to me ...for my yoke is easy and my burden is light" (Mt. 11:28-30). His promises will stand and we should claim His promises everytime we face trouble.

A. What is the Promise of God?

1. He does not disappear, but we tend to forget Him when we have problems (Isa 43:1-3).

2. He strengthens us (Isa 41:10). We only need to call on Him (Ps 50:15).

3. He cares when we trust Him (Nahum 4:7). He is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble (Ps. 9:10).

4. He never forsakes us. If our thoughts bring fear, worry, and doubt, they are not from God. Let us get rid of them immediately.

5. He fights our battles. Let us not be afraid or discouraged (2 Chron. 20:15)

B. What should we do if God is fighting our battles?

1. **Look for the best.** Testify to God's goodness and blessings (Ps. 1:2-3). Let us fill our minds with joy peace, and abundance.

2. **Forward or reverse** (Ps. 119:30) ? We determine which way our life will go. If we stay focused on the positive, all the forces of darkness will not be able to keep us from moving forward and fulfilling our destiny.

3. **Guard against pessimism.** Let us be aware of people who are always negative. The kingdom of God is a matter of righteousness, peace, and joy (Rom. 14:17).

4. **Live by faith.** Faith comes from hearing the message through the Word. Let us walk by faith, not by sight (2Cor. 5:7). When we always think something is wrong, it will never work out for us.

5. Transform our thinking (Dt. 30:19-20).

The greatest gift the Lord gave us is free will. It is up to us to choose life. So, let us renew our mind with positive thoughts (Rom. 12:2).

6. **Know that God is not limited.** He is **omniscient** (knows everything). He is **omnipotent**, endowed with unlimited power. He is **omnipresent** everywhere at the same time. Thus, we must never fear (Isa. 41:10). Let us not question God. Rather, we should question ourselves.

7. **Be a victor** (1Cor. 15:57). To live our best life requires that we believe in ourselves as victors, not victims. God is in control of our life, guiding and directing. He came so that we may have a life that is full (Jn. 10:10; Jer. 29:11).

8. **Possess the promises of God.** He will help us. Let us call on Him in days of trouble. If we believe in God's word, nothing is impossible (Mk. 9:23). However, God's promises have conditions: we must believe (Jn. 3:16), and seek Him first (Mt. 6:33).

9. **Keep pressing forward.** We must not be fainthearted; we should never give up (Dt. 20:3-4). Let us not become weary in doing good (Gal. 6:9); we must invoke the power God has given each of us (Lk. 10:19).

10. **Go with God.** The Lord is our light and salvation; we have nothing to fear (Ps. 27:1).

11. **Be consistent** in prayer, study, service, and community life. We were created to worship Him, and obey His commandments. God will continue to work in our life.

12. **Stand strong.** It doesn't matter who the enemy is. Stay positive, let God do His way.

13. **Speak to our mountain.** Whatever we ask in prayer, we must believe and it will be ours (Mk 11: 23-24).

Conclusion: Let us live a spirit-filled life and start claiming ourselves healed, happy, and renewed.

Reflection:

What mountain is in front you (sickness, relationship problem, financial)? How will you speak to these mountains?

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