From the desk of the President

Fret Not

Fret not yourself because of evildoers, neither be envious against those who work unrighteousness (that which is not upright or in right standing with God). Psalms 37:1

Having entered a new century seven years ago, there would appear to be a considerable amount of unrighteousness evident across the entire world. In America, we have witnessed the use of a commercial airline being used as a guided missile against gigantic buildings in New York City. Similarly, it was the same scenario against the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. Those who perpetrated these disasters believed that they were doing their murderous endeavors with the approval of Allah, their god figure.

More recently, a very popular football hero was found to be involved in gambling and in promoting dogfights. For those who love God’s creatures, this is absolutely revolting and something which God certainly forbids without question.

Those who follow the words of the media are aware that the world is almost suddenly a place which the Christian feels has drastically changed and would appear to be getting worse instead of better. As we go to God’s word for instruction and comfort we find that we are not to fret. In Phillippians 4:6 we read, Do not fret or have any anxiety about anything… In Psalms 37:3 we read, Trust (lean on, rely on, and be confident) in the Lord and do good; so shall you dwell in the land and feed surely on His faithfulness, and truly you shall be fed.

As I start to become anxious, I remember that God has told us through our Lord Jesus that, My peace I give unto you. We are not to allow our hearts to be troubled. We are to discover that the closer we stay to Jesus and to prayer, the less fearful we become.

In my years of surgical practice, I have often noted that patients going into surgery are fearful and anxious. It is remarkable to see how calm patients become when they, along with the surgeon and nurses, are prayed for prior to going into the operating room. Should we not begin to utilize prayer and praise in our lives whenever we sense anxiety or worry or fretting?

Peace I leave with you, My [own] peace I now give and bequeath to you…Do not let your heart be troubled, neither let them be afraid. [Stop allowing yourselves to be agitated and disturbed; and do not permit yourselves to be fearful and intimidated and cowardly and unsettled.] John 14:27

God’s peace truly passes ones understanding.

So as we face the unceasingly troubling circumstances of this new century, let us return to the faith of our Fathers and to the loving care and peace of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

For with God Nothing Shall Be Impossible- Luke 1:37
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Dr. Reed met Ken and Gloria when Ken was an airplane salesman and pilot for Little Rock Aviation. Ken brought a Cessna 310 to Nacogdoches, Texas to an early CMF meeting, where Ken's parents, long time friends of the Reeds, were attending a meeting. At the meeting both Ken and his new bride, Gloria, received the gift of God's Holy Spirit. Shortly thereafter, Dr. Reed purchased the plane and Ken became the pilot and sang at CMF meetings.

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