

James 5:17, “Elijah was a man **with a nature like ours**, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months.”



9TH Century B.C. Israel and the U.S.

- 1. A biblical framework has been replaced by a pagan worldview.**
- 2. Success and the worship of material prosperity was foremost.**
- 3. Fools live in a fantasy world and make policy based on fallacy.**
- 4. Life is viewed as disposable.**
- 5. The result of religious decisions ultimately impact policy decisions.**
- 6. Those who stand up for absolutes and objective Truth will be demonized, marginalized, and criminalized.**

**1. As long as you are trusting God there are
NO hopeless situations.**

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Rom 8:31, “What then shall we say to these things? If God *is* for us, who *can be* against us?”

3. There are always multi-layered tests.

4. When you do the right thing the right way the results may not always be what you originally intended or expected.

5. Principle: When a nation is under divine discipline even the positive mature believers suffer by association. It is a time for spiritual growth.

**Psa. 56:3, “Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in
You.”**

Psa. 56:4, “In God (I will praise His word), in God I have put my trust; I will not fear. What can flesh do to me?”

Psa. 18:2, “The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.”

Psa. 20:7, “Some *trust* in chariots, and some in horses; but we will remember the name of the LORD our God.”

Acts 28:30, “Then Paul dwelt two whole years in his own rented house, and received all who came to him,”

Phil 1:7, “just as it is right for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart, inasmuch as both in my chains and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, you all are partakers with me of grace.”

Phil 1:13, “so that it has become evident to the whole palace guard, and to all the rest, that my chains are in Christ;”

2 Cor 7:5, “For even when we came into Macedonia our flesh had no rest, but we were afflicted on every side: conflicts without, fears within.”

Phil 4:4, “**Rejoice** in the Lord always. Again I will say, **rejoice!**”

Χαίρω *chairo* “rejoice”

Pres Act Imp, 2pl, “you all”

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Aor pass imp, 2s,

Emphasizes the example our conduct has on others.

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ἐπιεικέ. *epieikes*,

a considerate, thoughtful, rational mindset that is able to objectively evaluate life situations without falling into either self-interest or emotion and panic.

Phil 4:6, “Be **anxious** for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;”

μεριμνάτε *merimnate*

Pres Act Imp; 2 pl

“taking emotional responsibility for something you have no control over.”

Phil 2:20, “For I have no one like-minded, who will sincerely care for your state.”

Luke 10:39, “And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus’ feet and heard His word.”

Luke 10:40, “But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, ‘Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me.’”

Luke 10:41, “And Jesus answered and said to her, ‘Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things.’”

Luke 10:42, “But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her.”

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Prayer is the believer's vital communication link to his heavenly Father, and is that grace provision of the royal priesthood whereby the Church Age believer has access and privilege to communicate directly with God.

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Gal 5:22, “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,”

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φρουρεω (*phroureo*),

Guard, keep in custody, preserve, to set up a garrison or a fortress.

STEP ONE: Claim a promise

STEP TWO: Think through the doctrinal rationales embedded in the promise

STEP THREE: Appropriate the doctrinal conclusions