



First Christian Reformed Church of Lynden

From Generation to Generation for the Glory of God

God's precious and exceedingly great promises in hard times

Colossians 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly,
teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom,
singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs,
with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

Scripture

Matthew 4:4 But Jesus answered, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Fear Not

II Timothy 1:7 For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

Psalm 27:3 Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;
though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.

Psalm 46:1-2 ¹ God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
² Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea.

Psalm 118:5-6 ⁵ Out of my distress I called on the Lord; the Lord answered me and set me free.
⁶ The Lord is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me?

Isaiah 35:4 Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not!
Behold, your God will come with vengeance,
with the recompense of God. He will come and save you."

Isaiah 41:10 Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God;
I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Isaiah 43:1-1 But now thus says the Lord,
he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel:
"Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine."

Matthew 10:30-32 ³⁰ But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹ Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. ³² So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven.

Luke 12:31-32 Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you. ³² "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."

Hebrews 13:6 "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?"

Song

Psalm 59:16 *But I will sing of your strength; I will sing aloud of your steadfast love in the morning. For you have been to me a fortress and a refuge in the day of my distress.*

[You can Google the hymn to hear it if you would like to sing along.]

Words: Samuel Rodigast (1675), tr. Catherine Winkworth (1829-1878)

Getty Music has done a new version of this old hymn

Whate'er my God ordains is right:

Whate'er my God ordains is right: his holy will abideth;
I will be still, whate'er he doth, and follow where he guideth.
He is my God; though dark my road, he holds me that I shall not fall:
wherefore to him I leave it all.

Whate'er my God ordains is right: he never will deceive me;
he leads me by the proper path; I know he will not leave me.
I take, content, what he hath sent; his hand can turn my griefs away,
and patiently I wait his day.

Whate'er my God ordains is right: though now this cup, in drinking,
may bitter seem to my faint heart, I take it, all unshrinking.
My God is true; each morn anew sweet comfort yet shall fill my heart,
and pain and sorrow shall depart.

Whate'er my God ordains is right: here shall my stand be taken;
though sorrow, need, or death be mine, yet am I not forsaken.
My Father's care is round me there; he holds me that I shall not fall:
and so to him I leave it all.

Prayer

Hebrews 4:16 *Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*

Trusting God in Difficult Times

Prayer by Philip Doddridge (1740), from *Piercing the Heavens*.

O Lord, cast us into whatever dangers you please, and we will cheerfully await the happy event which will at length prove the wisdom and kindness of even your most mysterious plans.

In the meantime, even as we travel in the bonds of affliction, may we see your hand in the expressions and encouragement of our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Like Paul, let us thank you and take courage in the humble assurance that you will stand by us in every future unknown extreme.

You will either display your power and goodness by raising up those around us in support – or you will display your all-sufficiency in a yet more glorious way, bearing us up when everything else fails us. Amen.