

A Sparrows Lesson

by Manal Mahany



Luke 12:6-7 says, “Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies yet not one of them is forgotten by God. Indeed, the very hairs on your head are all numbered. Don’t be afraid for your worth is way more than that of the sparrow.”

I see a picture of the sparrow with its companion standing in confidence, strength, balance, unshaken by the wind.

Hebrews 12:27 says, “Once more I will shake every thing that can be shaken, so the things that cannot be shaken will stand.”

The sparrow stands unwavering. She is standing steady on what seems to be a very weak branch, yet she is not afraid.

Psalms 46:1-3 says, “Our God is a safe place to hide, ready to help when we need Him. We stand fearless at the cliff, at the edge of doom, courageous in the sea storm and earthquake before the rush and the roar of the oceans, the God of Jacob fights for us. The God of angels armies protects us.”

God is the hiding place of peace. Isaiah 26:3 says, “He will keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you for he trusts in you.” Romans 16:20 says, “The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet speedily.”

We can enter the place of peace by speaking to our soul to be still and know that he is God and refuse to yield to the voice of fear and anxiety. Just like the sparrow uses his wings to rise up, we depend on the wind of the Holy spirit and the truth of the word of God to rise above the circumstances. Today is an invitation to rise above our daily turbulence and enter into the peace and the rest that is paid for by the blood of Jesus.



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Isaiah 26:3



Food For Thought



“Time will pass. Will you?” — Sign on a school clock

“Faith is to believe what you do not see; the reward of this faith is to see what you believe.” — Saint Augustine

“Counting time is not as important as making time count.”

“For prayer is nothing else than being on terms of friendship with God.”— Saint Teresa of Ávila

“Faith does not eliminate questions. But faith knows where to take them.”—Elisabeth Elliot.

“Joy is the infallible proof of the presence of God.”— Madeleine L'engle.

“When we work, we work. When we pray, God works.”—James Hudson Taylor

“Our days are identical suitcases—all the same size but some can pack more into them than others.”

“He said “Love...as I have loved you.” We cannot love too much.”— Amy Carmichael.

“True faith means holding nothing back. It means putting every hope in God’s fidelity to His Promises.”—Francis Chan

“God is most glorified in us when we are most satisfied in Him” — John Piper.

“God does not give us everything we want, but He does fulfill His promises, leading us along the best and straightest paths to Himself.” — Dietrich Bonhoeffer

“We are twice armed if we fight with faith.” — Plato

“The true call of a Christian is not to do extraordinary things, but to do ordinary things in an extraordinary way.” — Dean Stanley

“I wish not merely to be called Christian, but also to be Christian.” — Saint Ignatius

“Truth is not a virtue unless it is given with love!” — Pete Welsch

“God never said that the journey would be easy, but He did say that the arrival would be worthwhile” — Max Lucado

“God’s work done in God’s way will never lack God’s supplies.” — Hudson Taylor

“Let God’s promises shine on your problems.” — Corrie ten Boom

“Beware of half-truths. You may have gotten hold of the wrong half!”

“If God is your partner, make your plans BIG!” — D.L. Moody

“I hear, I forget, I see, I remember, I do, I understand.”

“God is able to take the mess of our past and turn it into a message. He takes the trials and tests and turns them into a testimony.” — Christine Caine

“We gain strength, and courage, and confidence by each experience in which we really stop to look fear in the face... we must do that which we think we cannot.” — Eleanor Roosevelt



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