

Have No Fear, Little Flock

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1. Have no fear, little flock; have no fear, little flock,
For the Father has chosen to give you the Kingdom;
Have no fear, little flock!
2. Have good cheer, little flock; have good cheer, little flock,
For the Father will keep you in His love forever,
Have good cheer, little flock!
3. Praise the Lord high above; praise the Lord high above,
For He stoops down to heal you, uplift and restore you,
Praise the Lord high above!
4. Thankful hearts raise to God; thankful hearts raise to God,
For He stays close beside you, in all things works with you;
Thankful hearts raise to God!

Thank you

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“Fear not!”

Jesus Saved Me LWML Devotion & Prayers



“Do not be afraid.” “Fear not.”

Where have you heard words like these before? (If reading as a group, share some of the instances you remember from Scripture.)

For Christians, certain Bible stories immediately come to mind: God leading Moses and the Israelites out of Egypt, the angel appearing to Mary and to Joseph to announce Jesus’ incarnation, Jesus calming the storm, and many more.

In fact, if you count how many times God tells us “Do not be afraid” or “Fear not” in the Bible, you’d find more than 110 instances! Like a father comforting a beloved child, our God wants to give His people the good gifts of peace, comfort, love and salvation. Over and over again, He tells us and shows us how much He loves us.

But billions of people around the world have never felt this same peace or comfort, because their gods are not gods of love or salvation. Perhaps their gods inspire devotion, obedience and loyalty, but they don’t inspire love. Instead, their followers are motivated by fear.

Muslims will often say that Allah is a god of love. But when reading the Quran, one quickly learns that Allah’s love is conditional. Allah’s approval depends on the actions of those who seek Allah’s love (i.e., if you do this, then you will gain Allah’s favor). Through one’s actions, one must earn the right to be loved by Allah.

What would a Hindu say about God’s love? In the end, there is no love or grace from the Hindu gods – only the law of karma. And for a Buddhist, the difference is even more stark because there is no divine god or person to show love, only evil spirits who must be feared and appeased.

When examining the world’s major religions, it’s quickly evident that our God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – is different. While every other religion teaches that we must earn our way to God’s favor, Christianity is the only religion that teaches that God came to us (see Romans verse at right).

Other religions have lists of things (sometimes called laws, or pillars) one must do to get right with their god, spirits, or karma. But we know that Jesus died to bring salvation for all as a free gift, and God made this promise even as Adam and Eve sinned. He didn’t wait for Adam and Eve to perform enough good works to get right with Him; instead, He offered His own perfect plan: His Son, Jesus, would die for them and for all people.

What an incredible blessing that we don’t have to appease any angry God to receive His favor! We don’t have to live in fear!

Through Jesus’ death on the cross, the separation between God and His children has been bridged. Thanks be to God that He sends His Holy Spirit to give us faith, that we might live eternally with Him in heaven.

“The Lord is near to all...who call on Him in truth. He fulfills the desires of those who fear Him; He hears their cry and saves them.”

- Psalm 145:18-19

We pray:

Heavenly Father, we thank and praise you for the unconditional love you have shown to us, your sinful children. Most especially, we thank you for sacrificing your only Son, Jesus Christ, that we may spend eternity with you in Heaven. We pray that our LWML mite offerings to the Lutheran Heritage Foundation may be pleasing in your sight, and that you would send your Holy Spirit to work faith in the hearts of those who read their books. Be with us now and always. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

*“But
God demonstrates
his own love
for us in this:
While we were
still sinners,
Christ died for us.”
- Romans 5:8*