

## SECURITY IN AN INSECURE WORLD

### Job 11:18-19

**Introduction:** The world has never been a safe place to live in and no doubt our existence is threatened by poverty, disease, depression, wars, drugs, sin, separation, and of course death. We have built bomb shelters, storm shelters, installed security systems, fire extinguishing systems, hired guards and tried every way imaginable to make ourselves feel secure but no matter what precautions we might take, there is still unrest, uneasiness for no one is really secure in such an insecure world. How can a person be and feel secure? Such security can come only from above.

### I. SUFFICIENT SECURITY DEMANDS FACING FACTS/THINGS

1. Most insecurity comes from hiding, afraid of this or that, therefore one tries to hide from that fear.
  - Those hidden things which strike fear in one's heart and so people think that by not thinking about those things, they are safe.
  - Insecurity comes from separation.
    - People separate themselves from their true selves, inner powers, who they really are.
  - There is no medicine, no wisdom that can substitute for being honest with one's self concerning his/her fears.
2. Insecurity comes from hiding from God.
  - God knows everything about everybody, dreams, feelings, likes, dislikes, and fears.
  - Security comes with opening up to God.
    - *"...Thou has searched me and know me...Thou knowest when I sit down and when I rise up, thou discernest my thoughts from afar...even before a word is on my tongue, Lo, O Lord, thou knowest it altogether..."*  
(Psalm 139:1,2-4)

### II. SECURITY DEMANDS ACKNOWLEDGING GOD

1. Hardships, troubles, and crises of life will always remain through the end of one's days.
  - At the same time, however, there also remains inner resources to solve problems, to overcome obstacles, and to make it through what seems beyond one's control, remaining to the end of one's days. It's all inside every person.
2. Sufficient security does not depend upon what a person HAS, but upon WHO that person is.
  - It's been said that "No man is completely defeated until he thinks he is..."
  - To achieve sufficient security, therefore, one must work hard to free him/herself from what's inside which causes one to fear in the first place.
  - People need to remind themselves that God IS and that God cares.
3. Sufficient security comes with doing things with God.
  - Having confidence and trust in God never comes to the idleness of anybody.
  - Sufficient security comes when one stands ready to give him/herself to God's total care.

4. The story is told of a man who wanted to be a pilot but he had a lot of things to overcome first.
  - He wasn't very good in math, so he had to work on that and he finally passed the math test.
  - He always got air sick, so he had to pray a lot to overcome getting air sick.
  - He got his pilot's license and was in the Air Force and assigned to fly a very large, expensive bomber.
  - As he was flying the big bomber at 30,000 feet, he was instructed to land and as he prepared to land, he discovered that the landing gear would not come down. FEAR struck him.
  - He radioed the base tower and told them the situation, and asked what to do. He was told to keep flying around till all the fuel was gone and keep trying to get the landing gear down.
  - Finally almost out of fuel, he asked what to do, and was told there were three things: he could parachute out over the ocean, hoping that the plane would go down in the ocean and that he would not drown, or he could parachute over land and hope that the plane didn't crash into any buildings, or he could try to do a "belly" landing, landing the plane on the runway and sliding the plane across the concrete runway.
  - After much deep praying, he decided to make the "belly" landing and told the tower operator his decision. Fire trucks, emergency vehicles and rescue units were lined up and down the runway. Everybody was breathless.
  - Carefully the pilot guided the plane over the runway and almost hit the ground, so he pulled up and then tried once more while in total submission to God's will, ready to die if that was to be what God wanted, but this time he approached the runway, pushed the landing gear lever once more and the gear came down and he made a perfect landing to everyone's applause and cheers.
  - When asked how he did it, he replied, "I put myself into the hands of God and just let go." God landed that plane.

## **CONCLUSION:**

1. Our greatest enemies are fear and selfish possessiveness.
  - We have the opportunity to live and work in security in this insecure world and help others get out of their insecurity by placing ourselves into the hands of God.
2. There is wonderful security in this insecure world.
  - YOU CAN rest safely and there is nothing that can make you afraid again IF you place yourself into the hands of God.