

THE MASTERCRAFT:

“IT IS WELL”

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IT IS WELL

Phil 4:6-7

“6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus”

- Do not be anxious
 - by prayer
 - by petition
- with thanksgiving

Promise: the peace of God will guard your hearts and your minds

ANXIETY

John 14, Jesus said: ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

AMP: Peace I leave with you; My [perfect] peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be afraid. **[Let My perfect peace calm you in every circumstance and give you courage and strength for every challenge.] [Stop allowing yourselves to be agitated and disturbed; and do not permit yourselves to be fearful and intimidated and be unsettled.]**

Brethren, though 2020 has presented surprises to us, though not to God, we will move in 2021 with boldness, knowing that **IT IS WELL!**

As we move ahead, Ephesians 6 (NIV) takes its place as critical:

¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. (Devil will try to remind you of 2020 but him that 2020 is over.)

So, **¹⁴ Stand firm then (like one geared for war),**

- with the belt of truth buckled around your waist,
- with the breastplate of righteousness in place, ¹⁵ and
- with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.
- ¹⁶ ..., take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.
- ¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

¹⁸ And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.

Praying in the Spirit counteract the arrows that devil tries to shoot at us to ignite fear and anxiety in us.

Romans 8:26

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know how we ought to pray, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groans too deep for words.

God says no matter, what it is, pray against it.

BY PRAYER

There are different kinds of prayer, but I want to believe that the one that fits a situation that could cause anxiety is that of Deliverance, Mercy, Grace, Blessing, Rescue, Healing etc. An example that was so good at such prayers is David:

In Psalm 69: 1-4, David prayed

*"¹Save me, O God, for the **waters** have come up to my neck.*

*²I sink in the **miry depths**, where there is no foothold.*

*I have come into the **deep waters**; the **floods engulf me**.*

*³I am **worn out** calling for help; my throat is **parched**.*

*My **eyes fail**, looking for my God.*

*⁴Those who hate me without reason outnumber the hairs of my head;
many are my enemies without cause, those who seek to destroy me.
I am forced to restore what I did not steal."*

David's description of his situation was power and with a lot of content.

The he prayed a very fervent prayer from the bottom of his heart.

*... "¹³But I pray to you, O LORD, in the time of **your favor**; in your **great love**, O God, answer me with your **sure salvation**. ¹⁴**Rescue** me..., do not let me sink;*

*¹⁶Answer me, O LORD, **out of the goodness of your love**; in your **great mercy** turn to me. ¹⁷Do not hide your face from **your servant**;
answer me quickly, for I am in trouble.*

BECAUSE GO SAYS "IT IS WELL", HE WILL DELIVER YOU.

In praying, David demonstrated humility:

a. He did not claim to be perfect

"You know my folly, O God; my guilt is not hidden from you." (Psalm 69:5)

b. He was concerned God's name in the faith of people around him Psalm 69:6-7

"⁶May those who hope in you not be disgraced because of me,
O Lord, the LORD Almighty; may those who seek you not be put to shame because
of me, O God of Israel.

⁷For I endure scorn for your sake, and shame covers my face."

Jesus prayed a similar prayer In John 14: **13**And I will do whatever you
ask in My name, **so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.**

BY PETITION (God need us to stand firm and righteous)

- a formally drawn request, made to an authority, signed by many people. In it you argue your case - "**he** Who Comes Into **Equity Must Come With Clean Hands.**"

For instance, In **Isaiah 1;18**, God said

"Come now, let us settle the matter," says the LORD. "Though your sins are like scarlet, I will make them as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.

Isaiah 43:26 "Put me in remembrance. Let us plead together. Set forth your case, that you may be justified."

In Psalm 40:9-10, David presented His petition before God:

"⁹I proclaim righteousness in the great assembly; I do not seal my lips, as you know, O LORD. ¹⁰I do not hide your righteousness in my heart; I speak of your faithfulness and salvation. I do not conceal your love and your truth from the great assembly."

Brethren, IT IS WELL

Romans 8:15

For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.”

So God shows us mercy when we cry to Him. He is not looking at our perfection, He is looking for the heart that is after His heart.

That is why:

- We must continue to workout our salvation with fear and trembling
- Don't be complaisant; pursue the the things of God with zeal and hunger
- Honour God and work to please Him. It is a journey don't stop.
- Like David, acknowledge that you are not perfect and ask for **mercy, grace and love.**

Conclusion

Brethren, at the beginning of the year, God declared 2020 the year of the Mastercraft. We are all witnesses to the manifestation of that declaration. As we go into 2021, the Mastercraft will wax stronger and hold-forth greatness like the Noah's ark.

- I pray that the Mastercraft that God has deposited in you this year, whether it manifested physically this year or not, will produce in multiple folds and bring glory to God.
- Many of us got wonderful new jobs this year and some started new ventures, those are Mastercrafts and God will use them to His glory.
- Some of us have sown good seed that has furthered our careers pursuit or course those are Mastercrafts and they will yield great harvest.
- God has also assured us that even if our Mastercraft looks like a wilderness, it will blossom. He has said it and He will do it.
- **Finally as we end the year, God says to us "IT IS WELL". So do not carry any fears into 2021. Hold God to His word. IT IS WELL with you, it is well with your family, it is well with this house of prayer for all nations, it is well with all the nations.**

SO BRETHREN, GOD BLESS YOU AND SEE YOU ON FEBRUARY 7TH, 2021.