

“He Will Not Fail Thee”

Text: Deuteronomy 31:6

□ “Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the LORD thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.”

Introduction:

□ There are certainly many words that could describe what happen this past Tuesday when two commercial airliners with passengers on board slammed into the twin Trade Center towers in New York City and another commercial airliner crashed into the Pentagon.

- It has been described as a tragedy because thousands of lives were lost.
- It has been described horrific act because of all the innocent lives that were lost.
- It has been described as the greatest act of terrorism in the history of mankind.
- It has been described as an attack on democracy and all free nations of the world.
- It has been described an attack on the American way of life and freedom.
- It has been described as an act of war against the United States of America.

- Some have said that what happen on Tuesday was a wake up call from God because of the wicked nation that we have become.
 - Because we have become a nation of tolerance –
 - Nation that supports the murder of the unborn.
 - Nation that supports the destruction of the traditional family and promotes the right of sex perverts.
 - Nation that supports and promotes living a sinful lifestyle.
 - Nation who no longer worships the God of the Bible but who worship the god of money, sex, and drugs.
 - Because we have become a nation's whose foundation is no longer based on God and the Bible but greed and education.
 - Because we have become a nation that no longer elevates and God and his infinite mercy but man and his achievements.
- Some have said what happen on Tuesday was failure of our country's security networks.
 - Failure of security at our nation airports.
 - Failure of our national security intelligence gathering agencies.
- Some of us ask ourselves –
 - How could this happen to the greatest nation on the face of the earth?
 - How could God allow this to happen?

- As our nation recovers from this great disaster and at the same time prepares to go to war, we need to ask ourselves how can we as nation and individually deal with all of this.
- I believe the answer can be found as every answer to every problem can be found in the word of God.
- I believe it all has to do with trust.
 - Who are you placing your faith in?

I. Read - 1 Tim 6:6-11

- We know that as a result of the terrorist act on this nation that the World Trade Center in New York City was totally demolished.
- In these twin towers the business and finance affairs of the world was carried out.
- In some way these towers were a symbol of man's love for money.
 - Man's worship and trust of man's achievement.
 - Man false sense of security that man could buy.
 - The tragic fact is that all the money generated by the business affairs conducted in the World Trade Center could not save the people in the aircrafts and many working in the towers from spending time and eternity in a lake of fire.
 - Despite what Billy Graham said about all those who died in the disaster going to heaven.
 - It was only God's grace and mercy that many more did not perish.

- Jesus warned us in **Luke 12:15** – “Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.”
- My dear friend it is not placing our trust and hope in our nation’s wealth and resources that will gets us through what happened on Tuesday and what lies ahead.
- The Bible reminds us who are hope and trust should be in –
 - Jeremiah 17:7-8**, “7: Blessed is the man that trusteth in the LORD, and whose hope the LORD is. 8: For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit.”

II. Read - Jeremiah 17:5

- “Thus saith the LORD; Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the LORD.”
- **Psalm 146:3**, “Put not your trust in princes, nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help.”
- **Psalm 147:10**, “He delighteth not in the strength of the horse: he taketh not pleasure in the legs of a man.”
- Beside the World Trade Center in New York City being destroy part of the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. was destroyed.

- The Pentagon is the center of where the business of our military is carried out.
 - The Pentagon is a symbol of our nation's defense and security.
 - The sad fact the nation with greatest armed services could not stop what happened on Tuesday.
 - The greatest defense and security system in world could not prevent many souls from ending up spending eternity in a lake of fire.
- ❑ My dear friend it is not placing our trust and hope in our nation's defense and security systems that will gets us through what happened on Tuesday and what lies ahead.
 - ❑ Again, the word of God tells us where our trust and hope should be placed.
 - The center verse of the Bible, **Psalm 118:8**, "It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man."
 - **Psalm 147:11**, "The LORD taketh pleasure in them that fear him, in those that hope in his mercy."
 - **Isaiah 41:10**, "Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness."

Conclusion:

- ❑ Remember, my dear friend the promise of the Lord as you go out each day - “Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the LORD thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.”
- ❑ King David said in **1 Samuel 20:3**, “**...there is but a step between me and death.**”
- ❑ I believe that none of those people who stepped on those airplanes, or stepped into the World Trade Center or the Pentagon expected to die.
- ❑ But the fact remains that they died.
- ❑ The Bible tells us in **Hebrews 9:27**, “And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:”
- ❑ All that died last Tuesday have faced the judgment of God.
- ❑ Those who died believing in their heart that Christ died, he died for their sins was buried and rose again the third day are in heaven right now.
- ❑ Those who died without accepting by faith the finished work of Christ on the cross of Calvary for the payment of their sins are burning right now in a lake of fire.
- ❑ The place of where they are now makes the explosion on Tuesday look like a 4th of July fireworks display.
- ❑ My dear friend if you are here today and are not saved, remember there is but a step between you and death.
- ❑ Don't put off being saved.

- The Bible tells us in **2 Corinthians 6:2**, “(For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)”