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## What's Next? No Fear

### I. Unshakable

Hebrews 12:25-29 (NIV®)

<sup>25</sup> See to it that you do not refuse him who speaks. If they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, how much less will we, if we turn away from him who warns us from heaven? <sup>26</sup> At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, "Once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens." <sup>27</sup> The words "once more" indicate the removing of what can be shaken--that is, created things--so that what cannot be shaken may remain.

<sup>28</sup> Therefore, since **we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken**, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, <sup>29</sup> for our "God is a consuming fire."

Luke 21:26 (NIV®)

<sup>26</sup> Men will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken.

Matthew 24:6-8 (NIV®)

<sup>6</sup> You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but **see to it that you are not alarmed**. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come.

<sup>7</sup> Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. <sup>8</sup> **All these are the beginning of birth pains.**

### II. Worry

Matthew 6:28-33 (NIV®)

<sup>28</sup> "And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. <sup>29</sup> Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. <sup>30</sup> If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? <sup>31</sup> So **do not worry**, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' <sup>32</sup> For the pagans run after all these things, and **your heavenly Father knows that you need them.**

<sup>33</sup> But **seek first** his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

A. Do Not . . . the power to "not do"

B. Priority ---"seek first"

C. Provision ---"your heavenly Father knows you need them"

Philippians 4:5-7 (NIV®)

<sup>5</sup> Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup> Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

## D. God's Peace

### E. Guard your hearts & minds

2 Corinthians 10:3-5 (NASB®)

<sup>3</sup> For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, <sup>4</sup> for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses. <sup>5</sup> *We are* destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and *we are* taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ...

### F. Cooperate with the Holy Spirit

Acts 1:7-8 (NIV®)

<sup>7</sup> He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> **But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you;** and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

### G. Endurance; hopelessness

Revelation 21:6-8 (NIV®)

He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To him who is thirsty I will give to drink without cost from the spring of the water of life. <sup>7</sup> He who overcomes will inherit all this, and I will be his God and he will be my son. <sup>8</sup> But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars--their place will be in the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death."

1 Samuel 30:4, 6 (NIV®)

So David and his men wept aloud until they had no strength left to weep. . . . <sup>6</sup> David was greatly distressed because the men were talking of stoning him; each one was bitter in spirit because of his sons and daughters. But David found strength in the LORD his God.

## III. Defeat Despair (fueled by worry)

### A. Consider the Cross -

Romans 8:31-32 (NIV®)

What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all--how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

1. admission of inability
2. demonstration of God's willingness

1 Corinthians 1:18, 25 (NIV®)

<sup>18</sup> For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

. . . <sup>25</sup> For the foolishness of God is wiser than man's wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than man's strength.

## B. In the Presence of God

Psalm 40:1-5 (NIV®)

I waited patiently for the Lord; he turned to me and heard my cry.

<sup>2</sup> He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire;  
he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand.

<sup>3</sup> He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God.  
Many will see and fear and put their trust in the Lord.

<sup>4</sup> Blessed is the man who makes the Lord his trust, who does not  
look to the proud, to those who turn aside to false gods.

<sup>5</sup> Many, O Lord my God, are the wonders you have done.

The things you planned for us no one can recount to you; were I to speak and tell of them, they  
would be too many to declare.

### Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for caring for me. Open the eyes of my heart to Your great provision. Holy Spirit, teach me to trust and not be afraid. I choose to lay aside worry and anxiety. I choose to lift my heart and voice in thanksgiving and praise to Almighty God---my creator, my redeemer, my deliverer, my sustainer. I can do all things through Christ Jesus, my Lord. Amen.