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Thursday Bible Study

February 2, 2023

"God's Security vs. Our Personal Security."

James 1: 12-20

Good afternoon or should I say, Good evening!

Are you familiar with the pain of <u>doubt</u> and <u>insecurity</u>, as well as the confusion of **conflicting** and <u>competing</u> beliefs? Where will you find your rest? Guess what, the vision God desires for you comes when you lay your fears at His feet and relinquish yourself to His love.

With real faith and repentance, we can move from our <u>insecurity</u> to God's <u>security</u> and begin to enjoy the <u>security</u> found only in God.

You may be tempted to question whether you are forgiven, or even loved by God unless you really cast yourself upon Christ's mercy. You may testify that you are saved by grace, but still experience a fear of death and without abandoning ourselves completely to the Savior,

<u>James 1: 13-15:</u>

| You may truly be desirous of meeting God and believing in His salvation, yet find |
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| yourself unable to fully touch God because of your own insecurities and doubts. Don' |
| lose heart. The Psalmist tells us in, |

| <u>Psalms 26, 1-5:</u> | |
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| Even our trials change in our eyes as we embrace biblical truth in, | |
| <u>Romans 5: 1-5</u> : | |
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| Let's look at, | |
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| Romans 15: 11-13: | |
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The Blessings of Abandonment to God!

Receiving the total piece of God's forgiveness and allowing life's problems to lead us into a deeper walk with Him gives us the ability to see life with spiritual eyes and experience greater hope, joy, and understanding.

Until we hear God's voice revealing Himself and His love to us in His Word, we will not have a living faith. This vital response to God's love is the doorway to true faith and to a deeper faith.

We must rest in His faithfulness and not our own commitment!

Romans 8: 1-3:

Paul knew that the only way to defeat the law of sin working in our flesh was to receive the power of God by faith to walk in the spirit that gives us spiritual sight through the Word.

Matthew 4: 1-4:

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| John | 15: | 7-9: |
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To be content in Him requires our willingness to believe in Christ's promise.

John 15: 1-3:

- Spiritual sight requires our attentive response to God.
- There is *freedom* and rest for all who choose to seek God alone.
- There is *freedom* and rest for all who receive His Word into their hearts.
- There is <u>freedom</u> and rest for all who will enjoy the eternal blessing of abandonment to God-

Next Week Is the 2023 Virtual Second Quarterly Session (Hudson River), February 9th and 10th.

Homework is due on February 16th, 2023.

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