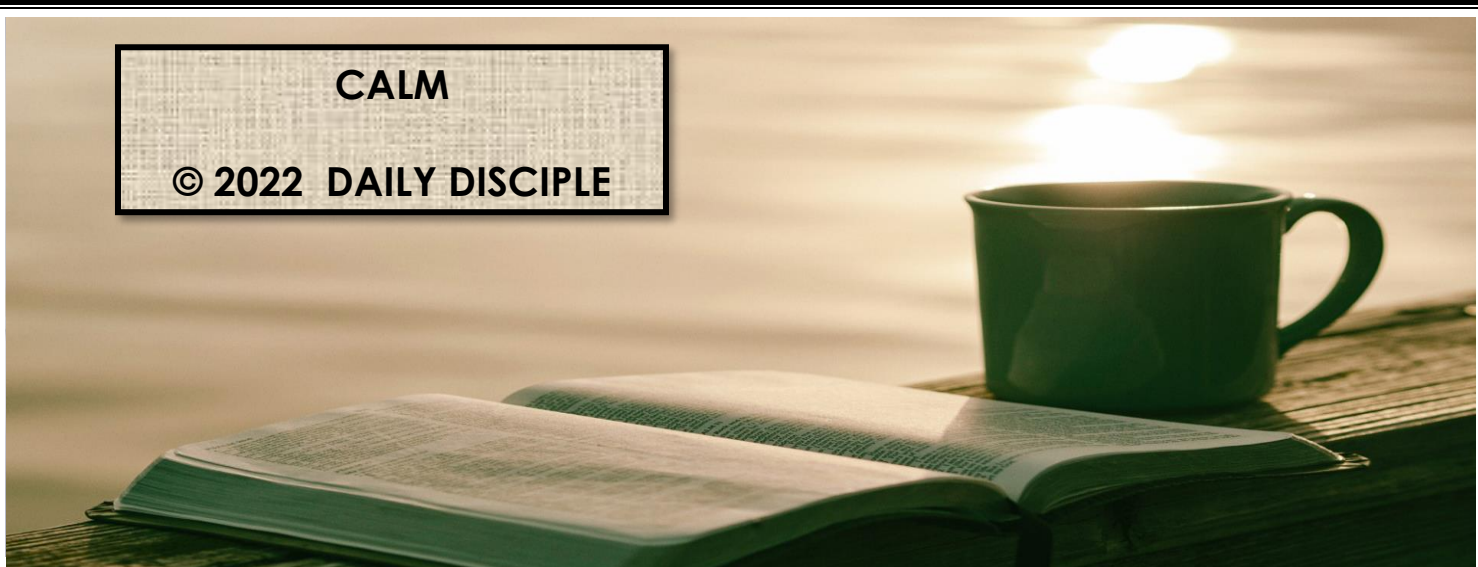


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Lamentations 3:21-26 The faithful love of the Lord never ends! His mercies never cease. Great is His faithfulness; His mercies are new every morning. I say to myself, “The Lord is my inheritance; therefore, I will hope in Him!” The Lord is good to those who depend on Him, to those who search for Him. So it is good to wait quietly for the salvation from the Lord.

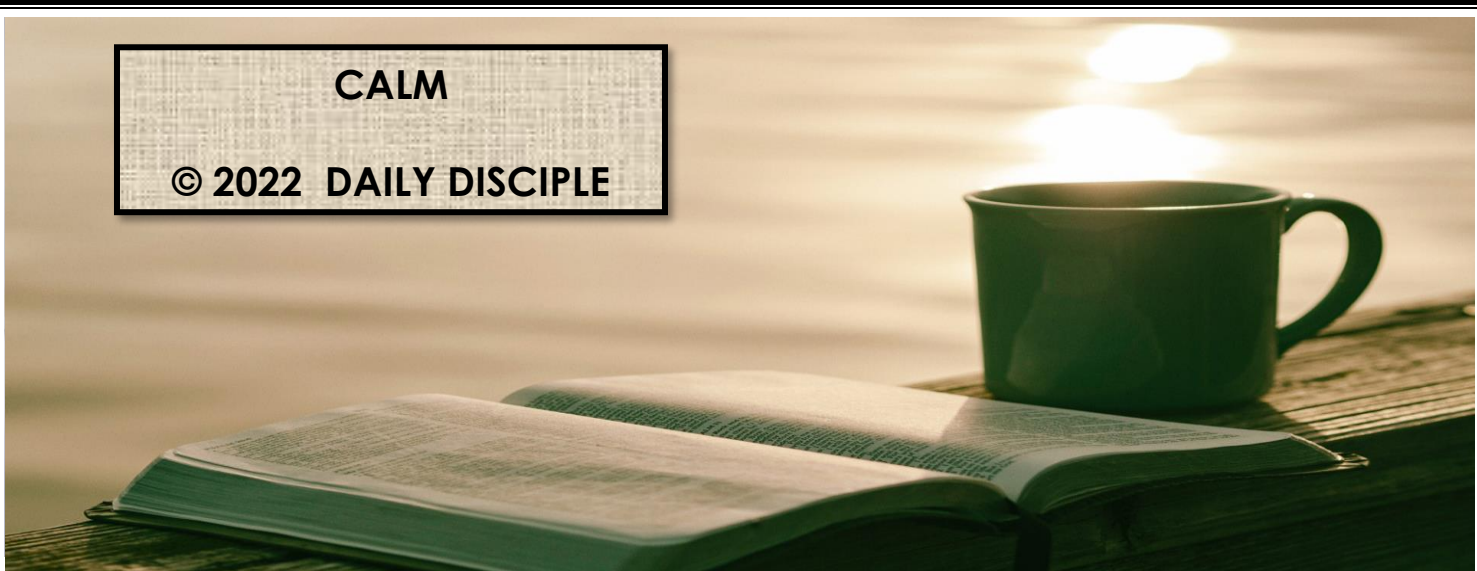
Deuteronomy 7:9 The Lord our God is indeed God. He is the faithful God who keeps His covenant for a thousand generations and lavishes His unfailing love on those who love Him and obey His commands.

Psalms 111:1-10 Praise the Lord! I will thank the Lord with all my heart as I meet with His godly people. How amazing are the deeds of the Lord! All who delight in Him should ponder them. Everything He does reveals His glory and majesty. His righteousness never fails. He causes us to remember His wonderful works. How gracious and merciful is our Lord! He gives food to those who fear Him; He always remembers His covenant. He has shown His great power to His people by giving them the lands of other nations. All He does is just and good, and all His commandments are trustworthy. They are forever true, to be obeyed faithfully and with integrity. He has paid a full ransom for His people. He has guaranteed His covenant with them forever. What a holy, awe-inspiring name He has! Fear of the Lord is the foundation of true wisdom. All who obey His commandments will grow in wisdom. Praise Him forever!

Romans 8:35-39 Can anything ever separate us from Christ’s love? Does it mean He no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death? (As the Scriptures say, “For Your sake we are killed every day; we are being slaughtered like sheep.”) No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is

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ours through Christ, who loved us. And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow - not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. No power in the sky above or in the earth below - indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Psalms 145:1-21 Every day I will bless You, and I will praise Your name forever and ever. Great are You, Lord, and highly to be praised; Your greatness is unsearchable. One generation shall praise Your works to another and shall declare Your mighty acts. I will meditate on the glorious splendor of Your majesty and on Your wondrous works. Men shall speak of the power of Your awesome acts, and I will declare Your greatness. They shall eagerly utter the memory of Your abundant goodness and shall shout joyfully of Your righteousness. You are gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and great in lovingkindness. You are good to all, and Your tender mercies are over all Your works. All of Your works will thank You, Lord, and Your faithful followers will praise You. They will speak of the glory of Your kingdom; they will give examples of Your power. They will tell about Your mighty deeds and about the majesty and glory of Your reign. For Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom. You rule throughout all generations. The Lord always keeps His promises; He is gracious in all He does. The Lord helps the fallen and lifts those bent beneath their loads. The eyes of all look to You in hope; You give them their food as they need it. When You open Your hand, You satisfy the hunger and thirst of every living thing. The Lord is righteous in everything He does; He is filled with kindness. You are near to all who call upon You, to all who call upon You in truth. You will fulfill the desire of those who fear You, You will also hear their cry and will save them. You keep all who love You, but all the wicked You will

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destroy. My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord and all men will bless Your holy name forever and ever.

Psalms 103:1-5, 8-14, 17-22 Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name! Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget none of His benefits: who forgives all our iniquities, who heals all our diseases, who redeems our life from destruction, who crowns us with lovingkindness and tender mercies, who satisfies our desires with good things, so that our youth is renewed like the eagle's. Lord, You're so kind and tenderhearted and so patient with people who fail You! Your love is like a flooding river overflowing its banks with kindness. You don't look at us only to find our faults, just so that You can hold a grudge against us. You may discipline us for our many sins, but never as much as we really deserve. Nor do You get even with us for what we've done. Higher than the highest heavens - that's how high Your tender mercy extends! Greater than the grandeur of heaven above is the greatness of Your loyal love, towering over all who fear You and bow down before You! As far as the east is from the west - that's how far You've removed our guilt from us. The same way a loving father feels toward his children - that's but a sample of Your tender feelings toward us, Your beloved children, who live in awe of You. You know all about us, inside and out. You are mindful that we're made from dust. But Lord, Your endless love stretches from one eternity to the other, unbroken and unrelenting toward those who fear You and those who bow face down in awe before You. Your faithfulness to keep every gracious promise You've made passes from parents, to children, to grandchildren, and beyond. You are faithful to all those who follow Your ways and keep Your word. The Lord has established His throne in heaven; His kingdom rules the entire universe. So bless the Lord, all His messengers of power, for you are His mighty heroes who listen intently to the voice of His word to do it. Bless and praise the Lord, you mighty warriors,

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ministers who serve Him well and fulfill His desires. I will bless and praise the Lord with my whole heart! Let all His works throughout the earth, wherever His dominion stretches— let everything bless the Lord!

Psalms 34:4-19 Listen to my testimony: I cried to God in my distress and He answered me. He freed me from all my fears! Gaze upon Him, join your life with His, and joy will come. Your faces will glisten with glory. You'll never wear that shame-face again. When I had nothing, desperate and defeated, I cried out to the Lord and He heard me, bringing miracle - deliverance when I needed it most. The angel of the Lord stooped down to listen as I prayed, encircling me, empowering me, and showing me how to escape. He will do this for everyone who fears God. Drink deeply of the pleasures of this God. Experience for yourself the joyous mercies He gives to all who turn to hide themselves in Him. Worship in awe and wonder, all you who've been made holy! For all who fear Him will feast with plenty. Even the strong and the wealthy grow weak and hungry, but those who passionately pursue the Lord will never lack any good thing. Come, children of God, and listen to me. I'll share the lesson I've learned of fearing the Lord: Do you want to live a long, good life, enjoying the beauty that fills each day? Then never speak a lie or allow wicked words to come from your mouth. Keep turning your back on every sin, and make "peace" your life motto. Practice being at peace with everyone. The Lord sees all we do; He watches over his friends day and night. His godly ones receive the answers they seek whenever they cry out to Him. But the Lord has made up His mind to oppose evildoers and to wipe out even the memory of them from the face of the earth. Yet when holy lovers of God cry out to Him with all their hearts, the Lord will hear them and come to rescue them from all their troubles. The Lord is close to all whose hearts are crushed by pain, and He is always ready to restore the repentant one. Even when bad things happen to

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the good and godly ones, the Lord will save them and not let them be defeated by what they face.


Psalms 5:11-12 Let all those rejoice who put their trust in You; let them ever shout for joy, because You defend them; let those also who love Your name be joyful in You. For You, O Lord, will bless the righteous; with favor You will surround him as a shield.

Jeremiah 29:11-14 “For I know the plans I have for you,” says the Lord. “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. In those days when you pray, I will listen. If you look for Me wholeheartedly, you will find Me. I will be found by you,” says the Lord. “I will end your captivity and restore your fortunes. I will gather you out of the nations where I sent you and will bring you home again to your own land.”

Psalms 37:1-11 Don't follow after the wicked ones or be jealous of their wealth. Don't think for a moment they're better off than you. They and their short-lived success will soon shrivel up and quickly fade away, like grass clippings in the hot sun. Keep trusting in the Lord and do what is right in His eyes. Fix your heart on the promises of God, and you will dwell in the land, feasting on His faithfulness. Find your delight and true pleasure in the Lord, and He will give you what you desire the most. Give God the right to direct your life, and as you trust Him along the way, you'll find He pulled it off perfectly! He will appear as your righteousness, as sure as the dawning of a new day. He will manifest as your justice, as sure and strong as the noonday sun. Quiet your heart in His presence and wait patiently for the Lord. And don't think for a moment that the wicked, in their prosperity, are better off than you. Stay away from anger and revenge. Keep envy far from you, for it only leads you into lies. For one day the

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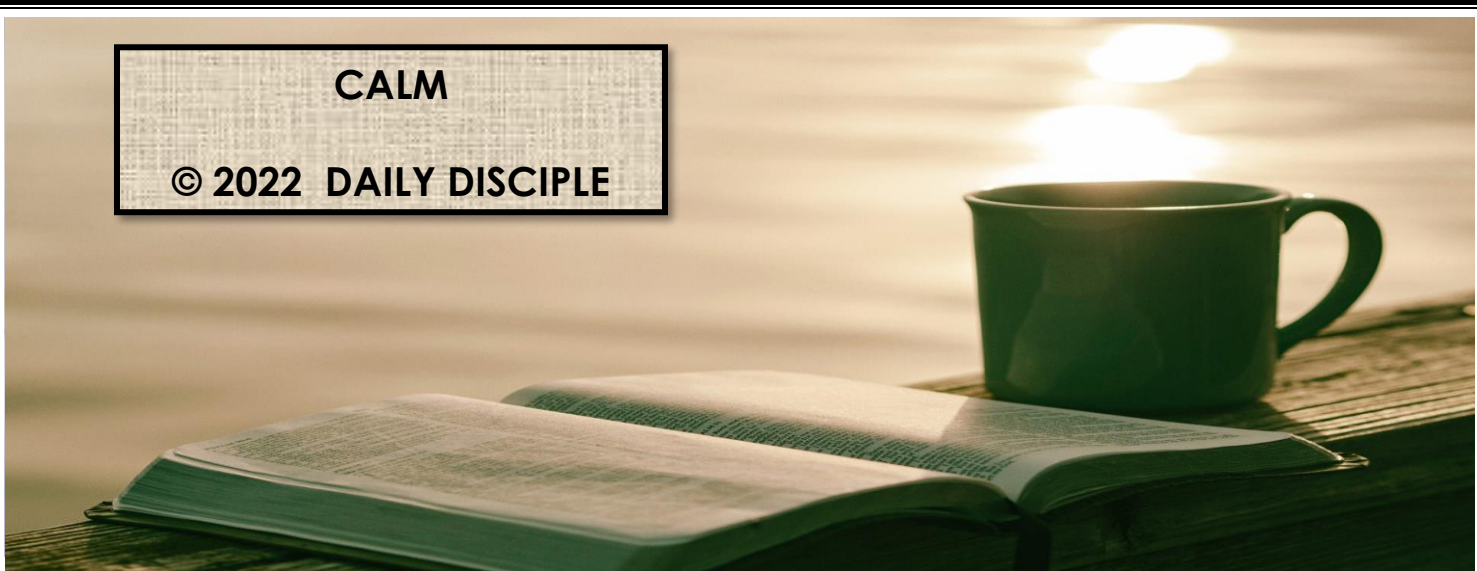
wicked will be destroyed, but those who trust in the Lord will inherit the land. Just a little while longer and the ungodly will vanish; you will look for them in vain. But the humble of heart will inherit every promise and enjoy abundant peace.

Psalms 40:1-4a I waited patiently for You, Lord, and You inclined to me and heard my cry. You brought me out of the pit of destruction, out of the miry clay. And You set my feet upon a rock, making my footsteps firm. You put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to You. Many will see and fear and will trust in You. How blessed is the man who has made You His trust.

Hebrews 6:11-20 We long to see you passionately advance until the end and you find your hope fulfilled. So don't allow your hearts to grow dull or lose your enthusiasm, but follow the example of those who fully received what God has promised because of their strong faith and patient endurance. Now when God made a promise to Abraham, since there was no one greater than Himself, He swore an oath on His own integrity to keep the promise as sure as God exists! So He said, "Have no doubt, I promise to bless you over and over, and give you a son and multiply you without measure!" So Abraham waited patiently in faith and succeeded in seeing the promise fulfilled. It is very common for people to swear an oath by something greater than themselves, for the oath will confirm their statements and end all dispute. So in the same way, God wanted to end all doubt and confirm it even more forcefully to those who would inherit His promises. His purpose was unchangeable, so God added his vow to the promise. So it is impossible for God to lie for we know that His promise and His vow will never change! And now we have run into His heart to hide ourselves in His faithfulness. This is where we find His strength and comfort, for He empowers us to seize what has already been established ahead of time - an unshakable

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hope! We have this certain hope like a strong, unbreakable anchor holding our souls to God Himself. Our anchor of hope is fastened to the mercy seat in the heavenly realm beyond the sacred threshold, and where Jesus, our forerunner, has gone in before us. He is now and forever our royal Priest like Melchizedek.

Hebrews 10:20-24 By His death, Jesus opened a new and life-giving way through the curtain into the Most Holy Place. And since we have a great High Priest who rules over God's house, let us go right into the presence of God with sincere hearts fully trusting Him. For our guilty consciences have been sprinkled with Christ's blood to make us clean, and our bodies have been washed with pure water. Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep His promise.

Psalms 91:1-16 When you abide under the shadow of the Almighty, you are hidden in the strength of God Most High. He's the hope that holds me and the stronghold to shelter me, the only God for me, and my great confidence. He will rescue you from every hidden trap of the enemy, and He will protect you from false accusation and any deadly curse. His massive arms are wrapped around you, protecting you. You can run under His covering of majesty and hide. His arms of faithfulness are a shield keeping you from harm. You will never worry about an attack of demonic forces at night nor have to fear a spirit of darkness coming against you. Don't fear a thing! Whether by night or by day, demonic danger will not trouble you, nor will the powers of evil be launched against you. Even in a time of disaster, with thousands and thousands being killed, you will remain unscathed and unharmed. You will be a spectator as the wicked perish in judgment, for they will be paid back for what they have done! When we live our lives within the shadow of God Most High, our secret

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hiding place, we will always be shielded from harm. How then could evil prevail against us or disease infect us? God sends angels with special orders to protect you wherever you go, defending you from all harm. If you walk into a trap, they'll be there for you and keep you from stumbling. You'll even walk unharmed among the fiercest powers of darkness, trampling every one of them beneath your feet! For here is what the Lord has spoken to me: "Because you loved Me, delighted in Me, and have been loyal to My name, I will greatly protect you. I will answer your cry for help every time you pray, and you will feel My presence in your time of trouble. I will deliver you and bring you honor. I will satisfy you with a full life and with all that I do for you. For you will enjoy the fullness of My salvation!"

Proverbs 3:1-26 My child, if you truly want a long and satisfying life, never forget the things that I've taught you. Follow closely every truth that I've given you. Then you will have a full, rewarding life. Hold on to loyal love and don't let go, and be faithful to all you've been taught. Let your life be shaped by integrity, with truth written upon your heart. That's how you will find favor and understanding with both God and men - you will gain the reputation of living life well. Trust in the Lord completely, and do not rely on your own opinions. With all your heart rely on Him to guide you, and He will lead you in every decision you make. Become intimate with Him in whatever you do, and He will lead you wherever you go. Don't think for a moment that you know it all, for wisdom comes when you adore Him with undivided devotion and avoid everything that's wrong. Then you will find the healing refreshment your body and spirit long for. Glorify God with all your wealth, honoring Him with your first fruits, with every increase that comes to you. Then every dimension of your life will overflow with blessings from an uncontainable source of inner joy! My child, when the Lord God speaks to you, never take His words lightly, and never be

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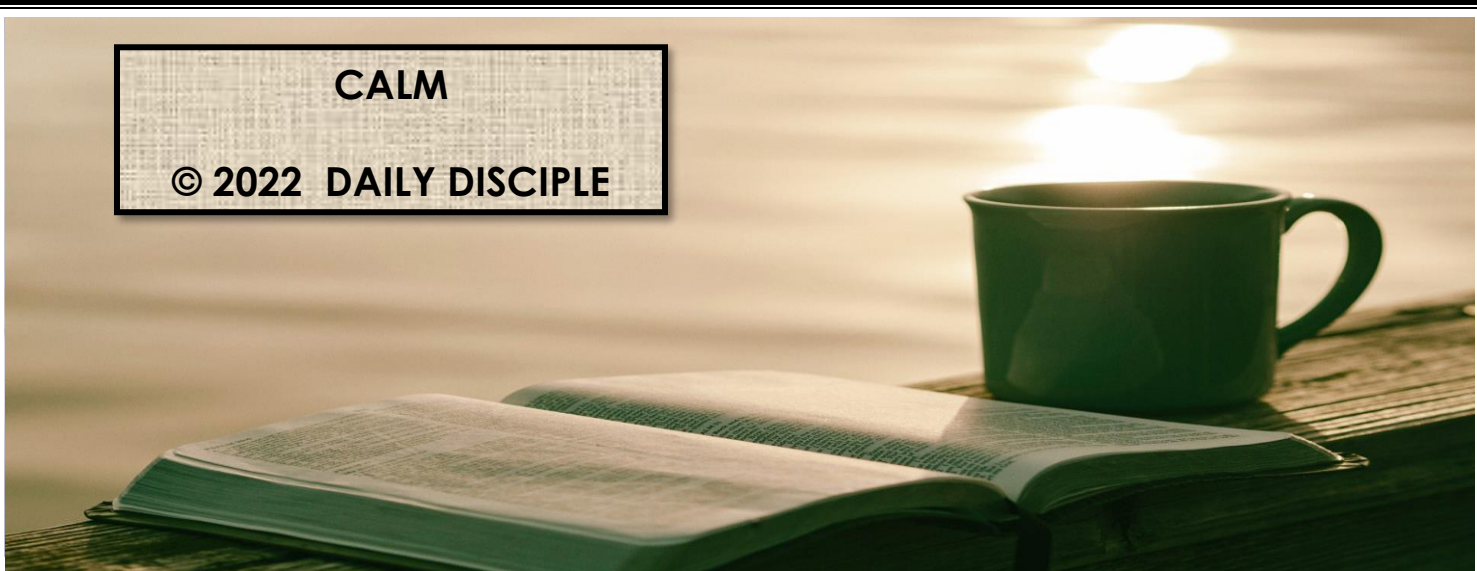


upset when He corrects you. For the Father's discipline comes only from His passionate love and pleasure for you. Even when it seems like His correction is harsh, it's still better than any father on earth gives to his child. Blessings pour over the ones who find wisdom, for they have obtained living-understanding. As wisdom increases, a great treasure is imparted, greater than many bars of refined gold. It is a more valuable commodity than gold and gemstones, for there is nothing you desire that could compare to her. Wisdom extends to you long life in one hand and wealth and promotion in the other. Out of her mouth flows righteousness, and her words release both law and mercy. The ways of wisdom are sweet, always drawing you into the place of wholeness. Seeking for her brings the discovery of untold blessings, for she is the healing tree of life to those who taste her fruits. The Lord laid the earth's foundations with wisdom's blueprints. By His living-understanding all the universe came into being. By His divine revelation He broke open the hidden fountains of the deep, bringing secret springs to the surface as the mist of the night dripped down from heaven. My child, never drift off course from these two goals for your life: to walk in wisdom and to discover your purpose. Don't ever forget how they empower you. For they strengthen you inside and out and inspire you to do what's right; you will be energized and refreshed by the healing they bring. They give you living hope to guide you, and not one of life's tests will cause you to stumble. You will sleep like a baby, safe and sound - your rest will be sweet and secure. You will not be subject to terror, for it will not terrify you. Nor will the disrespectful be able to push you aside, because God is your confidence in times of crisis, keeping your heart at rest in every situation.

Psalms 33:1-5 I will sing for joy to the Lord, for praise from the upright is beautiful. Give thanks to the Lord with the harp. Sing praises to God with a harp of ten strings. Sing to God a new song; play skillfully with a shout of joy.

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For the Word of the Lord is right, all Your works, God, are done in faithfulness. You love righteousness and justice, the earth is full of Your goodness.

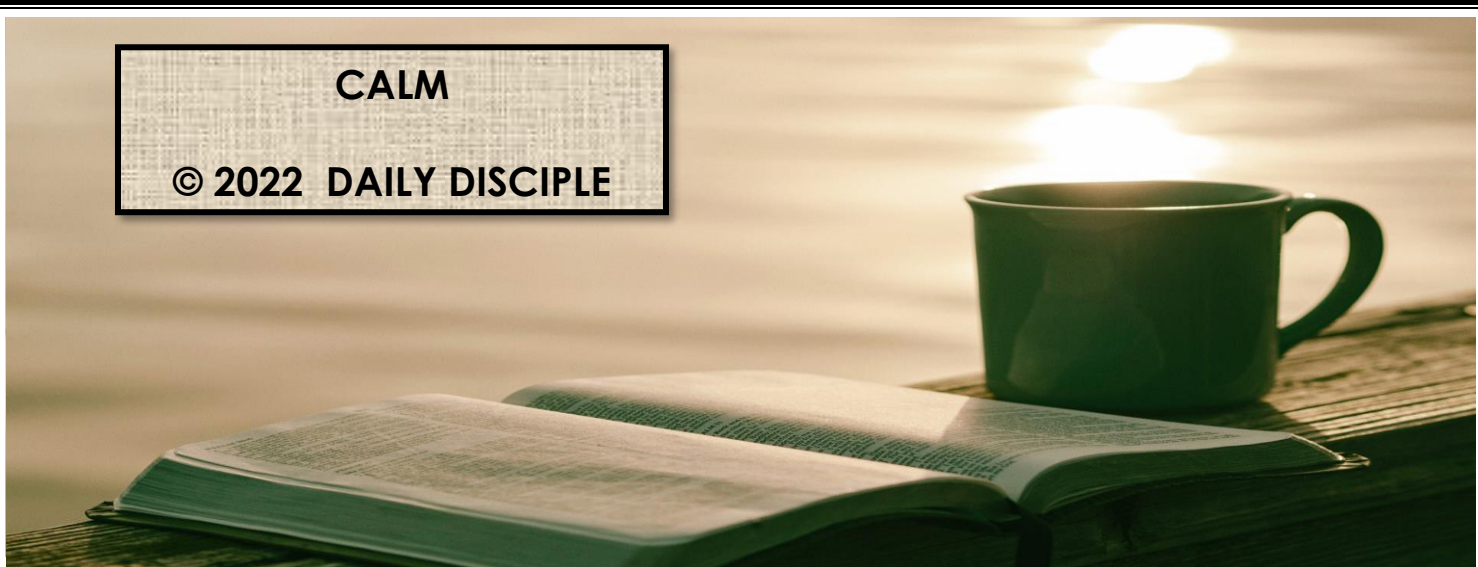
Isaiah 61:1 The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to preach good tidings to the poor; You have sent me to heal the broken hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound.

Psalms 63:1-5 O God, You are my God; I earnestly search for You. My soul thirsts for You; my whole body longs for You in this parched and weary land where there is no water. I have seen You in Your sanctuary and gazed upon Your power and glory. Your unfailing love is better than life itself; how I praise You! I will praise You as long as I live, lifting up my hands to You in prayer. You satisfy me more than the richest feast. I will praise You with songs of joy.

Psalms 139:1-18, 23-24 Lord, You know everything there is to know about me. You perceive every movement of my heart and soul, and You understand my every thought before it even enters my mind. You are so intimately aware of me, Lord. You read my heart like an open book and You know all the words I'm about to speak before I even start a sentence! You know every step I will take before my journey even begins. You've gone into my future to prepare the way, and in kindness You follow behind me to spare me from the harm of my past. You have laid Your hand on me! This is just too wonderful, deep, and incomprehensible! Your understanding of me brings me wonder and strength. Where could I go from Your Spirit? Where could I run and hide from Your face? If I go up to heaven, you're there! If I go down to the realm of the dead, you're there too! If I fly with wings into the shining dawn, you're there! If I fly into the radiant sunset, you're there waiting! Wherever I go, Your hand will guide me;

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Your strength will empower me. It's impossible to disappear from You or to ask the darkness to hide me, for Your presence is everywhere, bringing light into my night. There is no such thing as darkness with you. The night, to you, is as bright as the day; there's no difference between the two. You formed my innermost being, shaping my delicate inside and my intricate outside, and wove them all together in my mother's womb. I thank you, God, for making me so mysteriously complex! Everything You do is marvelously breathtaking. It simply amazes me to think about it! How thoroughly You know me, Lord! You even formed every bone in my body when You created me in the secret place; carefully, skillfully You shaped me from nothing to something. You saw who You created me to be before I became me! Before I'd ever seen the light of day, the number of days You planned for me were already recorded in Your book. Every single moment You are thinking of me! How precious and wonderful to consider that You cherish me constantly in Your every thought! O God, Your desires toward me are more than the grains of sand on every shore! When I awake each morning, you're still with me. Search me O God, and know my heart, try me and know my anxious thoughts, and see if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the everlasting way.

Psalms 119:1-24, 49-68, 71-73 You're only truly happy when you walk in total integrity, walking in the light of God's Word. What joy overwhelms everyone who keeps the ways of God, those who seek Him as their heart's passion! They'll never do what's wrong but will always choose the paths of the Lord. God has prescribed the right way to live: obeying His laws with all our hearts. How I long for my life to bring You glory as I follow each and every one of Your holy precepts! Then I'll never be ashamed, for I take strength from all Your commandments. I will give my thanks to You from a heart of love and truth. And every time I learn more of Your righteous judgments, I will be faithful to all

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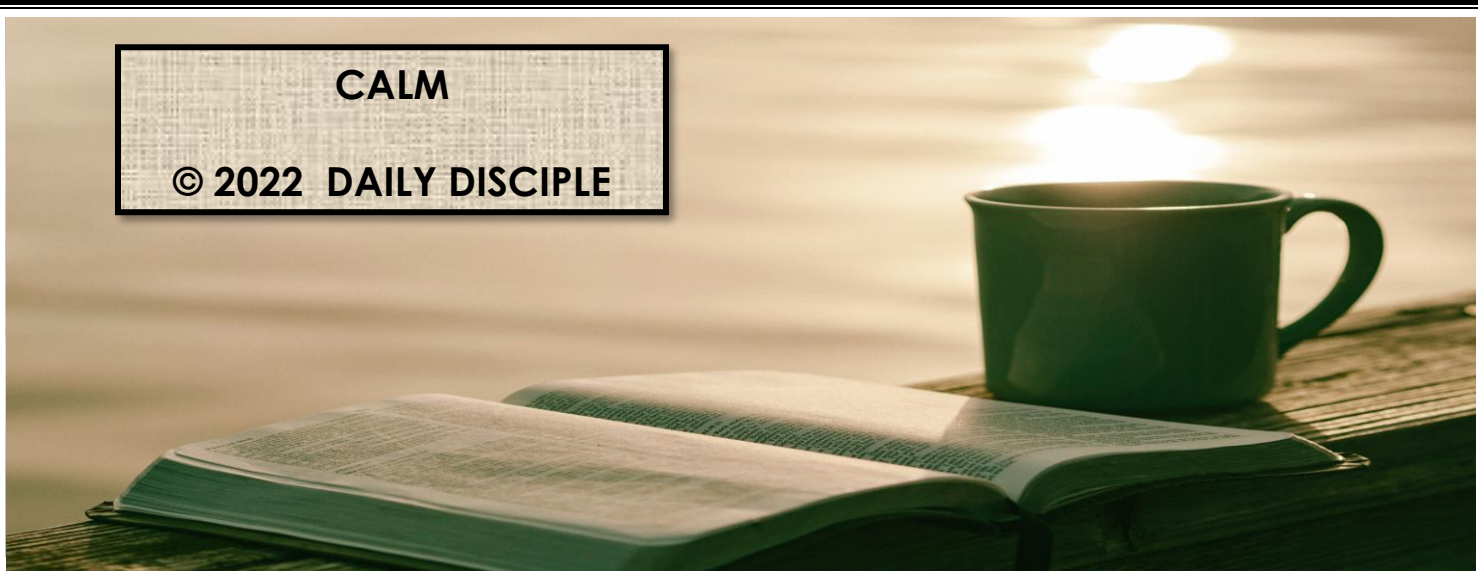
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that Your Word reveals - so don't ever give up on me! How can a young man stay pure? Only by living in the Word of God and walking in its truth. I have longed for You with the passion of my heart; don't let me stray from Your directions! I consider Your Word to be my greatest treasure, and I treasure it in my heart to keep me from committing sin's treason against You. My wonderful God, You are to be praised above all; teach me the power of Your decrees! I speak continually of Your laws as I recite out loud Your counsel to me. I find more joy in following what You tell me to do than in chasing after all the wealth of the world. I set my heart on Your precepts and pay close attention to all Your ways. My delight is found in all Your laws, and I won't forget to walk in Your words. Let me, Your servant, walk in abundance of life that I may always live to obey Your truth. Open my eyes to see the miracle-wonders hidden in Scripture. My life on earth is so brief, so tutor me in the ways of Your wisdom. I am continually consumed by these irresistible longings, these cravings to obey Your every commandment! Your displeasure rests with those who are arrogant, who think they know everything; You rebuke the rebellious who refuse Your laws. Don't let them mock and scorn me for obeying You. For even if the princes and my leaders choose to criticize me, I will continue to serve You and walk in Your plans for my life. Your commandments are my counselors; Your Word is my light and delight! Lord, never forget the promises You've made to me, for they are my hope and confidence. In all of my affliction I find great comfort in Your promises, for they have kept me alive! No matter how bitterly the proud mockers speak against me, I refuse to budge from Your precepts. Your Word is eternal; I'm encouraged every time I think about Your truth! Whenever I see the wicked breaking Your laws, I feel horrible. As I journey through life, I put all Your statutes to music; they become the theme of my joyous songs. Throughout the night I think of You, dear God; I treasure Your every word to me. All this joy is mine as I follow Your ways! You are my

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satisfaction, Lord, and all that I need, so I'm determined to do everything You say. With all my heart I seek Your favor; pour out Your grace on me as You promised! When I realize that I'm going astray, I turn back to obey Your instructions. I give my all to follow Your revelation-light; I will not delay to obey. Even when temptations encircle me with evil, I won't forget for a moment to follow Your commands. In the middle of the night I awake to give thanks to You because of all Your precepts- so right and true! Anyone who loves You and bows in obedience to Your words will be my friend. Give me more revelation of Your ways, for I see Your love and tender care everywhere. Your extravagant kindness to me makes me want to follow Your words even more! Teach me how to make good decisions, and give me judgment, for I believe in Your commands. Before I was humbled I used to always wander astray, but now I see the wisdom of Your words. Everything You do is beautiful, flowing from Your goodness; teach me the power of Your wonderful words. The punishment You brought me through was the best thing that could have happened to me, for it taught me Your ways. The words You speak to me are worth more than all the riches and wealth in the whole world! Your very hands have held me and made me who I am; give me more understanding so I may learn to please You more.