

Hello! This is Dorothy -

I want us to turn to **Ephesians chapter 6**, and I want to read a verse to you, which says -

13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

You know, in **Exodus chapter 14**, there is a story of how the Egyptians were chasing hard after the people who had been in bondage, the children of Israel. You can imagine the horror. First of all, they thought they had gotten out as they had come out eventually from this evil Pharaoh, but as they were going, they suddenly found many problems around them. What capped it all was that the enemy was on their heels!

Those verses read-

10 . . . the Egyptians marched after them; and they were sore afraid. . . I wonder if you have ever been in that position, when all you are aware of is the enemy and you are *sore afraid*.

How did God tell Moses to deal with this? We read on in **chapter 14 of Exodus -**

13 . . . Fear ye not, stand still . . . Oh, you mean we are not to have a big panic session? No. . . **stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will show to you to day. . .** That is an interesting phrase for when I was a young nurse, I was told that if multiple things were happening, not to just rush around dealing with what was obvious before my eyes, but to just take that minute and assess the situation and to

know in which direction to go first; that is is, literally, *stand still*.

13 . . . see the salvation of the Lord, which he will show you to day: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen today, ye shall see them again no more for ever.

That is it - they are out! It is rather as if you are on a computer, if you have one, you just blot something out and it is gone!

14 . . . The Lord shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace. In other words, this is about: *stop striving*. Are you striving? Are you in really quite a distressful situation, because everything seems to be going wrong? When you are in that panic session, you will forget it is the Lord who will fight for you. You are only conscious of what the enemy is about to do as he is breathing down your neck! Will you tell the Lord that you are willing to stop fighting and to trust God and stop all the fleshly endeavor that you have to sort out the situation?

In verse 14 of **Ephesians 6**, we read -

14 . . . having your loins girt about with truth, having on the breastplate of righteousness;

15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace.

The Lord is *truth*; He is our *truth*. If we do not understand that *truth* is Christ and *truth* is the Word, then we have no basis to go forward in any decision that we make. But, to know this *truth*, we have to take a gift from God of faith. We have to see it is His faith of salvation that makes it possible that He then becomes our truth. Some of you might not really know that you are in that position. You might have attended church and feel you are an important person and well-known in the community, but in **Ephesians 2**, we are told, beginning in **verse 8** -

8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God. Then why don't you take the gift?

9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.

10 For we are his workmanship, . . . it is not what we are doing; it is what He is doing . . . created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. "Oh," you say, "that is nice. **Good works** - that is what I am working at!" No. It is not of my good works; it is His good works, that He wants to perform through me and I do not know what they are, until first I come to Christ personally and make my life available for Him, day by day, to perform through me what He has planned.

For goodness sake, dear friend, do not keep trying to work out your life! Don't try to have a plan that you think you are then going to ask God to bless, because, if so, you are going to end up with the wrong husband, the wrong job, and something went very wrong. Don't you think God has all of this planned? Don't you think that if you are His workmanship, He knows all about marriages and He knows all about jobs and He knows all about all the things that you feel are important? Of course He does, but He works it out so perfectly, because God being God always works at both ends. I want Him to do it for you, if you say, *Yes, Lord. That is what I want with my life.*

In Jesus' Name. Amen.