

*Hello! This is Dorothy -*

I was just sharing with my friend here at this recording studio that we have a lovely Jesus! Oh, what would we do without Jesus? We want you to understand we have a wonderful Jesus.

In **John 16:33**, we read - **I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have [perfect] peace and confidence.** . . . “Hello,” you say, “what are you talking about? Didn’t you hear the reports of last night of those terrible rapes? Don’t you know of the distress of what is happening around us with people dying with AIDs? Don’t you understand there is not enough food? Don’t you know we are having these violent acts? Don’t you understand . . . ?” Yes, I do. I know a little of it. But I do know the Word of God that says that we can have **perfect peace and confidence.** It goes on to say - . . . **In the world you have tribulation and trials and distress and frustration.** .. - “Oh boy, you say, that is my language! I understand that for that is what I am going through!” But listen, it goes on to say - . . . **but be of good cheer [take courage; be confident, certain, undaunted]! - For I -that is Jesus speaking - have overcome the world. [I have deprived it of power to harm and have conquered it for you.]** That is the Word of God. **John 16:33.** The Son of Man, the Angel of the Lord, is

the pre-incarnate Lord Jesus Christ. He is the Second Person of the Holy Trinity. If you know the **Book of Daniel**, you will know the story of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego as they were thrown into a fiery furnace. For we read in **Daniel 3:25** - . . . **our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king.** By the way, they were only speaking to the most powerful person in the whole world, the most evil, dreadful, terrible dictator you could imagine! But they were confident; they saw beyond the threat. They saw beyond the furnace - they saw Jesus. It is amazing - their confidence as they stood there, — out of the hand of this evil, evil leader — Nebuchadnezzar turned around and said, **Lo, I see four men loose.** *There are not just three in that furnace. Wait a minute, there are four people! Didn't I throw three in? How come there are four? And they are . . . walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God.* In other words, he recognized there was a divine Person. It was Jesus in there!

**28 Then Nebuchadnezzar spake, and said, Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, who hath sent his angel, and delivered his servants that trusted in him . . .** The Angel of the Lord was even recognized by this evil ruler. It had a tremendous impact later in his life and it turned his life around for God.

It is the same Angel of the Lord, as we think about Moses on the

Mount and we read in **Exodus 13:21 - And the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud. . .** I cannot emphasize enough that this is the Second Person of the Trinity, the Lord Himself leading. He is taking this rebellious, muttering crowd and He is going before them. He is the pillar of fire to give them light, to go before them day and night. Do not mutter anymore! Stop your complaining! Stop all the agony of what you are going on about! See that Jesus is the pillar of fire; He is the cloud around you; He is the life within you; He indwells you. For we read in **Exodus 19:9 - The Lord said unto Moses, Lo, I come unto thee in a thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak to thee, and believe thee for ever. And Moses told the words of the people unto the Lord.** Moses was aware that the Scriptures show in **Isaiah 19: 1 - . . . Behold, the Lord rideth upon a swift cloud, and shall come into Egypt: and the idols of Egypt shall be moved at his presence, and the heart of Egypt shall melt in the midst of it.**

Oh, that we may understand that there is a fire around us. It is not what you are moaning about, the fire of persecution and difficulty. It is the fire of the presence of the Lord. Therefore, the most evil, the most hard have to fall back and understand Who they are dealing with when your total confidence is upon the Lord. Not that there is an easy way out; not that there aren't those who are being brought into His presence today from much difficulty and persecution, but let it be

known to those who behold, it is the Lord, the glory of the Lord within, the glory of the Lord inside of you, performing that which only He can do.

Remember, in **James 5:11**, it says - . . . **the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy — deeply sympathetic.** I want to emphasize what that really means. The Lord is more conscious of what you are going through than what you are even going through yourself. He has the whole scene before Him. Therefore, turn to Him today and say, *Oh, by the glory of Your life and Your presence., exchange your life for who I am and You be that life in me. I lay myself at Your feet and I say I am not going to work this out; I am giving it to you, Lord. And I thank You there will be lives delivered from eternal Hell, because I spoke and shared Jesus with them.*

Let your life count for Christ today and give Him all the glory, for He is very much alive in your midst.

*Amen.*