



GOD'S PROMISES IN THE COCOON

In my experiences flying for over thirty years through violent thunderstorms and turbulence on travels for business and missions, God taught me more about who He and where He is in the dark seasons of my life. Time and again He would prepare me for a storm ahead by opening His word and revealing His presence to me in the clouds, the darkness, the thunder and the lightening. Knowing He was in the thunder and the clouds helped me to overcome my fear during those times when the aircraft was shaking as much as my heart! I learned to trust God in a whole new way. I experienced greater freedom by giving myself to Him in complete trust and surrender during those storms. It took practice! It didn't happen overnight. It took determination to believe God's promises and NOT listen to the lies and fears in my head. It was a miracle when He would help me to sing above the storm, to focus on Him not the storm, and eventually allow myself to enjoy the ride. On occasion it was even exhilarating!

Back on *terra firma* it is often more difficult to apply these verses with the same depth of faith that I needed flying through a storm. There is the temptation to trust in my own strength, to miss the warning signs of the storm ahead, to look at circumstances and not to recognize that I'm in a storm, or to flail and cry and try to escape the storm.

Yet the verses which the Lord gave me in the stormy skies, apply to every storm of my life. I hope they bring you comfort and strength in the midst of your own storm as you fully surrender and trust in who He is. He is in it with you. He is in control! He rides the storm to help you!



There is no one like the God of Jeshurun. Who rides the heavens to help you, and His excellency on the clouds. The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms; He will thrust out the enemy from before you and will say "Destroy!" Then Israel will dwell in safety, the fountain of Jacob alone, in the land of grain and new wine. His heavens shall also drop Dew. Happy are you oh Israel! Who is like you a people saved by the Lord, the shield of your help and the sword of your majesty! Your enemies will submit to you and you shall tread down their high places. Deuteronomy 33:26-29.



Then Solomon said "The Lord said He would dwell in the dark cloud." 1 Kings 8:12



You called in trouble, and I delivered you, I answered you in the secret place of thunder.

Psalm 81:7



Clouds and darkness surround Him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of His throne. A fire goes before Him. And burns up His enemies round about. His lightnings light the world; Psalm 97:2-4



He spoke to them in the cloudy pillar. Psalm 99:7.



He bowed the heavens also and came down with darkness under His feet. And He rode upon a cherub and flew; He flew upon the wings of the wind. He made darkness His secret place, His canopy around him was dark waters and thick clouds of the skies. From the brightness before Him His thick clouds past with hailstones and coals of fire. The Lord thundered from heaven and the Most High uttered His voice, hail stones and coals of fire. He sent out his arrows and scattered the foe, lightnings in abundance and He vanquished them. Psalm 18:9-14



If I say "surely the darkness shall fall on me" Even The night shall be light about me. Indeed the darkness shall not hide from You but the night shines as the day. The darkness and the light are both like to You. Psalm 139:11



I will make darkness light before them Isaiah 42:16.



I will give you the treasures of darkness and hidden riches of secret places that you may know that I, the Lord who call you by your name, AM the God of Israel. Isaiah 45:3



Who among you fears the Lord? Who obeys the voice of His Servant? Who walks in darkness and has no light? Let him trust in the name of the Lord and rely upon his God Isaiah 50:10



What ever I tell you in the dark, speak in the light and what you hear in the ear, preach on the housetops. Matthew 10:27



And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place until the day dawns and the Morning Star rises in your hearts. 2 Peter 1:19



You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night or of darkness 1Thessalonians 5:5.



God did not appoint us to wrath but to obtain salvation through our lord Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5:9



This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. 1 John 1:5

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