

# Don't Be Afraid of Tomorrow — God Is Already There

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There is a silent epidemic that plagues the modern believer. It is not a disease of the body, but a sickness of the imagination. It usually strikes in the quiet hours of the night or the first groggy moments of the morning. It is the crushing weight of the future. We look at the days ahead and we see giants we cannot defeat, bills we cannot pay, and loneliness we cannot bear. We play out catastrophic movies in our minds where we are the victims, and God is absent. We are addicted to the question: "What If?"

This fear of tomorrow is not just an emotional inconvenience; it is a spiritual thief. It robs you of the strength you need for today by forcing you to carry the imaginary burdens of next year. It makes you brittle. It makes you reactive. And ultimately, it is a theological crisis, because anxiety is essentially the belief that God will not be in your future when you get there.

But the Bible presents a radical, mind-bending truth about time and God. It reveals that "tomorrow" is not an empty void that you have to walk into alone. It is a territory that is *\*already occupied\**. God is not just walking *\*with\** you; He has walked *\*ahead\** of you. He is the God of the "Already."

Today, we are going to dismantle the fear of the future. We are going to look at seven deep, biblical realities that prove your tomorrow is safer than you think. We are going to move from the panic of the unknown to the peace of the known.

### Number 1: The Theology of the "Eternal Now" — God is Not Stuck in Time

The root of our fear is that we project our own limitations onto God. We are linear beings. We live in a sequence: yesterday, today, tomorrow. We cannot see around the corner of time. Because *\*we\** don't know what is coming, we assume God is also waiting to see what happens. We imagine God is pacing the floor of heaven, crossing His fingers, hoping the economy doesn't crash or the diagnosis is good.

But we must correct our theology. In Exodus 3:14, when Moses asks God His name, God does not say "I Was" or "I Will Be." He says, "I AM."

God lives in the "Eternal Now." Imagine you are watching a parade from the sidewalk. You can only see the float right in front of you. You can remember the one that passed, and you can guess what is coming, but your view is limited. God, however, is not on the sidewalk. He is in the helicopter above the city. He sees the beginning of the parade and the end of the parade *\*simultaneously\**.

Isaiah 46:10 declares, "I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come."

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This means that the "tomorrow" you are terrified of is already "history" to God. He has already seen it. He has already walked through it. He has already formulated the plan for it. You are never walking into a surprise; you are walking into a script that has already been written by a loving Father. When you wake up tomorrow morning, you are simply stepping onto a stage that He has already set.

## Number 2: The Doctrine of the Scout — Deuteronomy 31:8

If God is already in the future, what is He doing there? Is He just watching? No, He is working. We see this in Deuteronomy 31:8, a verse given to Joshua as he faced the terrifying prospect of leading Israel into a land of giants.

Moses tells him: *"The LORD himself goes before you and will be with you."*

Notice the distinction: He is *\*with\** you (presence), but He goes *\*before\** you (preparation). This is the military concept of the "Vanguard" or the "Scout." In ancient warfare, an army would send their best soldiers ahead of the main group. These scouts had specific jobs: to spot the enemy traps, to find the water sources, to clear the path, and to secure the high ground.

God is your Scout. He has hiked into your next year. He has inspected the terrain.

- \* He has already spotted the financial trap and arranged a way of escape.
- \* He has already located the oasis of refreshment for your season of drought.
- \* He has already disarmed the landmines the enemy planted.

If God has gone before you, then the path you are about to walk on has been cleared by the Almighty. Worrying about tomorrow is essentially saying, "God, I know You went ahead, but I don't trust that You did a good job preparing the way." Trust your Scout. He knows the terrain better than you do.

## Number 3: The Manna Principle — Why You Don't Have the Strength Yet

This is the most common complaint: "If God is already there, why do I feel so weak when I think about it? I imagine losing my job, and I feel like I will collapse. I don't have the strength for it."

You are right. You *\*don't\** have the strength for it. And that is exactly how God designed it. This is the Manna Principle found in Exodus 16. God gave the Israelites manna, but they could only gather enough for *\*one day\**. If they tried to hoard it for tomorrow out of fear, it rotted and bred worms.

God deals in "Daily Bread," not "Monthly Bread" or "Yearly Bread." He gives you grace in 24-hour

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packets.

\* He does not give you grace for your \*imagination\*; He gives grace for your \*reality\*.

\* Right now, you are sitting in a safe room, imagining a tragedy. You are trying to carry a \*future burden\* with \*present strength\*. That math will never work.

Corrie ten Boom, the Holocaust survivor, shared a story about this. As a child, she told her father she was afraid she wouldn't be strong enough to die for her faith. Her father asked, "Corrie, when you take the train to Amsterdam, when do I give you the ticket?" She said, "Just before we get on the train." He replied, "Exactly. And your Heavenly Father knows when you will need the strength. He will give you the ticket when you need to board the train, not a moment before."

You are checking your pockets for a ticket to a train you aren't boarding yet. Relax. When the moment comes, the grace will be there. The manna will fall. The ticket will be in your hand.

## Number 4: The name "Jehovah Shammah" — The Lord Is There

We often take comfort in the name "Emmanuel" (God with us). But there is another name of God, revealed in the very last verse of the book of Ezekiel (48:35), that speaks directly to our fear of the future: Jehovah Shammah.

It translates to: "The Lord Is There."

While this refers to the New Jerusalem, it reveals an attribute of God's omnipresence. It doesn't just mean He is \*here\*; it implies that wherever you are going, He is \*already there\*.

\* You are worried about the courtroom? The Lord Is There.

\* You are worried about the operating table? The Lord Is There.

\* You are worried about the funeral home? The Lord Is There.

\* You are worried about being single in your 60s? The Lord Is There.

We fear the future because we view it as an empty room. We are afraid of being alone in the dark. But God turns the lights on in the future and says, "Look, I am already sitting in the room waiting for you." You are never walking \*away\* from God into the unknown; you are walking \*toward\* God into the appointed. Every step into the future is a step closer to where He is waiting.

## Number 5: The Atheism of Anxiety — Matthew 6

We need to treat worry not as a weakness, but as a sin that needs repentance. In Matthew 6, Jesus gives His famous teaching on anxiety ("Do not worry about what you shall eat or drink"). But pay attention to the reason He gives.

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He says, *"For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them."* (Matthew 6:32).

Jesus draws a line between Pagans and Children.

\* A Pagan believes they are an orphan in a chaotic universe. No one is watching them. No one is providing for them. Therefore, they *\*must\** worry. Their survival depends entirely on their own hustle and planning.

\* A Child knows they have a Father. A six-year-old doesn't pace the floor wondering how the mortgage will be paid. They sleep because they trust the father is handling it.

When we are consumed by fear of tomorrow, we are living like practical atheists. We are acting as if we have no Father. We are taking the weight of the world onto our own shoulders. Jesus is saying, "You are acting like a pagan. Stop it. You have a Father who knows."

Worry is the assumption that God is unaware or uncaring. The cure for fear is to remember your adoption. You are not a CEO managing a crisis; you are a son or daughter being led.

Number 6: The Shadow vs. The Substance — Psalm 23:4

Fear is a master of special effects. It creates illusions that look terrifying but have no substance. David writes in Psalm 23:4, *"Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil."*

Notice the word: Shadow.

A shadow can be scary. The shadow of a wolf looks like a monster. But physically, a shadow cannot hurt you. A shadow of a truck cannot run you over. A shadow of a sword cannot cut you.

Most of the "tomorrows" you are dreading are just shadows. They are projections of your fear, not the substance of reality. The devil casts a large shadow to make you think the problem is bigger than it is.

But here is the spiritual physics: You cannot have a shadow without a Light.

If you see a shadow, it is proof that there is a light source shining nearby. The darker the shadow of fear lies over your future, the brighter the Light of God is shining just around the corner. Instead of focusing on the shadow, turn around and face the Light. The shadow will fall behind you.

Number 7: The Anchor Within the Veil — Hebrews 6:19

Finally, how do we stabilize our hearts when the waves of the future are crashing against us? We need an anchor. But not just any anchor.

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Hebrews 6:19 says we have a hope as an **"anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain."**

In ancient sailing, if a ship was trying to enter a harbor in a storm, they would sometimes send a smaller boat (a forerunner) ahead with the anchor. That boat would drop the anchor deep inside the calm harbor waters. The ship was still tossing in the storm outside, but it was connected by a chain to an anchor that was already safe. The ship was being pulled toward the safety.

Jesus is our Forerunner. He has gone ahead of us—not just into tomorrow, but into Eternity. He has hooked your life into the bedrock of God's future purposes.

\* You may feel tossed by the waves of "today."

\* You may feel the wind of "uncertainty."

\* But you are chained to an Anchor that is already in "tomorrow."

Your future is not drifting; it is anchored. You are being pulled toward a destiny that is firm and secure. You cannot sink because your Anchor is holding in the throne room of God.

## Conclusion

So, when the "What ifs" attack you tonight, I want you to speak to your soul.

Tell yourself: "I do not have the strength for tomorrow yet, and that is okay. The manna will come in the morning. My Scout has gone before me. The Lord is already there. My Father knows what I need. It is just a shadow. And my Anchor is holding."

God is not just the God of your past history; He is the God of your future destiny. Do not be afraid of tomorrow; God is already there, preparing the table.

"Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own." (Matthew 6:34)