

BE ENCOURAGED, NOT DISMAYED

2 Peter 2:6-9 KJ –

- Vexed (Greek) – To oppress / to labor down / to wear with toil
- Vexed (Greek) – To torture / to torment / to pain the soul

John 14:1-4 KJ –

- We are all tempted with worry / fear / anxiety
1. God is still working and revealing corruption
 - The Culture of hate, death, and darkness must be confronted and countered.
 2. We have been and will remain in a spiritual battle
 - a. Matthew 5:13-14 (ref) – Salt and Light
 - b. *Hebrews 10:23-25 KJ –*
 - i. Hold fast to our profession of faith
 - ii. Provoke to love and good works
 - iii. Forsake not being assembled
 - iv. We see the day approaching (Jesus' return)
 - c. *Luke 21:33-36 KJ –*
 - i. Surfeiting = excess / overindulgence / drunkenness / cares

d. *Isaiah 41:9-10 NKJ* –

- i. “dismayed” – discouraged / sense of dread

[While many are not afraid, they are dismayed!]

e. *Joshua 1:9 NKJ* –

- i. Dismayed (Heb) – to break down, either by violence or confusion and fear.
- ii. *1 Chronicles 22:13 (ref)* – “...*be strong and of good courage; dread not, nor be dismayed.*”

f. *1 Samuel 30 (ref)* (David – Ziklag)

- i. Vs. 6 – David was greatly distressed
- ii. “David encouraged himself in the Lord”
- iii. [How? Vs. 7] - He sought God (Ephod)