PSALMS for the Night Seasons "O My God, I cry in the daytime ... and in the night season" Psa 22:2

"... in the Night Seasons"





David Praying in the Night, James J. Tissot (1896-1902), The Jewish Museum, New York.

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"Therefore, we also [Heb 11], since we are ...

- 1) Surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us
- 2) Lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us
- 3) Run with endurance the race that is set before us ...

4) LOOKING UNTO JESUS"

Heb 12:1-2

Night Seasons

Joseph (Gen 37:5)

Israelites (Exo 10:23)

Abram (Gen 15:5)

Job (7:3-4; 30:17)

Zechariah (1:8)

Jacob (Gen 28:11)

Gideon (Jud 7:13)

Darius (Dan 6:18)

Ahasuerus (Est 6:1)

Samuel (1Sa 3:15)

Disciples (Joh 6:16-21)

Apostles (Acts 5:19-20)

Paul (Acts 16:25)

Daniel (2:19, 8:18)

Peter (Acts 12:6)

JESUS



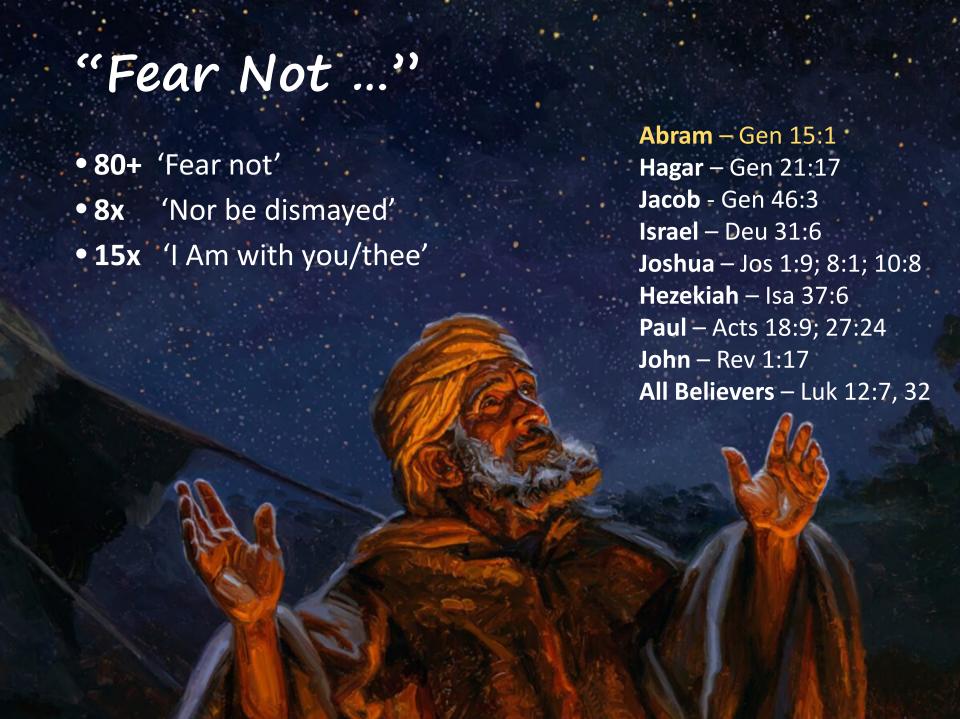
"Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it ..." Gen 28:16

"To give light in the night"





Psa 105:38-39; Psa 78:14; Exo 13:21-22



Fear Not?



- 45,222 Total gun deaths in America in 2022, the most ever.
- 600+ **Mass shootings** in each of 2020-2023 (compared to 336 in 2018). 50+ by Feb17.
- 30% of Americans **own a gun** (highest per person in the world), 41% live with someone who does.
- 67% of gun owners list **self-protection** as the most important reason.
- 41% of white evangelicals/Christians own a gun (25-33% of other religions are gun owners).
- 77% of white evangelicals feel safer with firearms.

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- Hagah: To murmur, mutter, speak, muse, utter, growl, moan
- Siyach: To put forth, muse, meditate, converse, ponder, sing

Bible Meditation:

1) Content

- focused on God, His Word

2) Sound

- mutter, speech, song, 'growl', moan

3) At times, Deep Focus

- trance, Gk: ekstasis

- Acts 10:10; 11:5; 22:17



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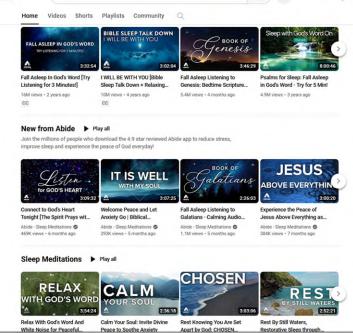


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Meditation

"We live, in fact, in a world starved for solitude, silence, and private: and therefore, starved for meditation and true friendship."

The Weight of Glory, C.S. Lewis (1941!)

"the LORD sustained me"



