

October 18, 2020

**GOD’S GIFTS TO GET THROUGH THE PANDEMIC
EXODUS 23.20, JOHN 14**

“See, I am sending an angel ahead of you to guard you along the way and to bring you to the place I have prepared.” Exodus 23.20

After delivering to them all the laws and commandments to follow, God tells the Hebrew people he is sending an angel to them, to make sure that they safely arrive to the Promised Land.

On his last night with the frightened disciples, Jesus speaks words of encouragement to them (John 14-17).

As the pandemic rages on we can recognize four gifts God gives to encourage us through this pandemic.

DURING THESE TIMES GOD PROMISES TO:

1. **GUIDE US**

But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. John 16.13

2. **GUARD US** and **GIVE US** a new way of seeing things.

...to help you and be with you forever... you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. John 14.16, 18

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8.38-39

3. **GIVE US COURAGE** during challenging times

“These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world.” John 16.33 NASB

For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline. 2 Timothy 1.7 NLT

Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong. 1 Corinthians 16.13

4. **GRANT US PEACE** during turbulent times

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. John 14.27

BOTTOM LINE: God gives us these gifts so that we will be **FAITHFUL**.

“All this I have told you so that you will not fall away.” John 16.1

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What is God saying to me?

What am I going to do about it?

Love God, Love Others, Learn Jesus, DO SOMETHING!
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