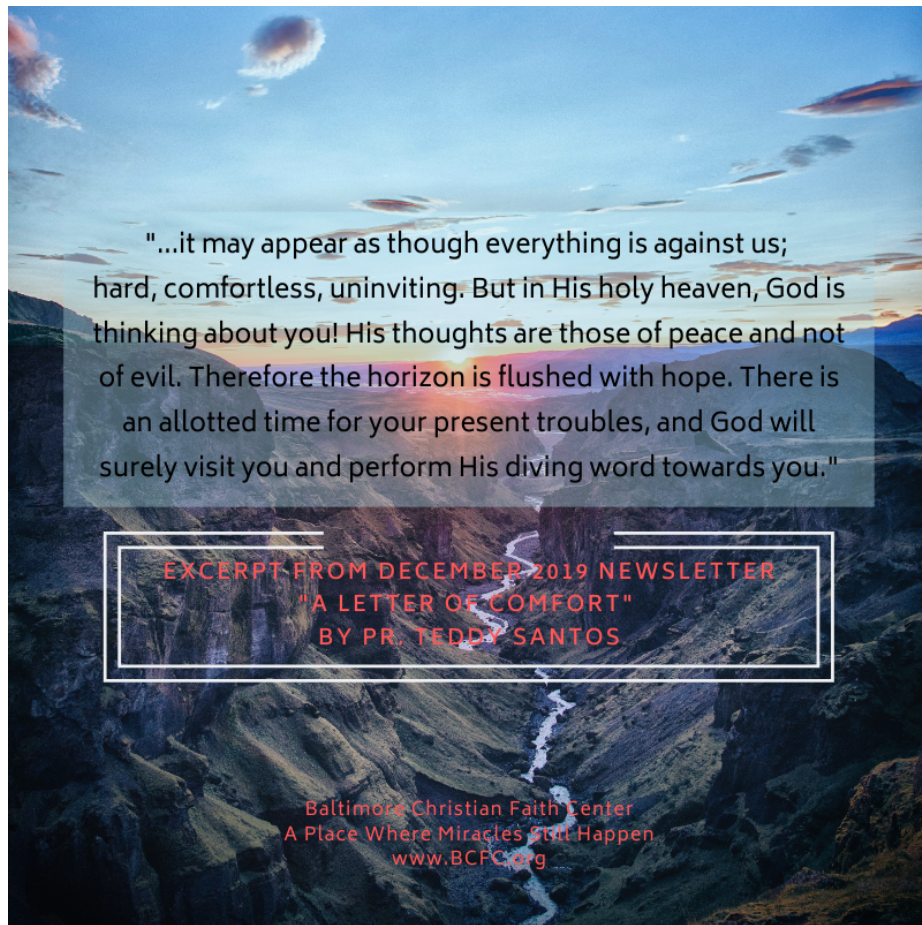


# A LETTER OF COMFORT

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*"I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you an expected end." — Jer 29:11.*

There is much to extract from the excellent advice given in this letter. These exiles were unwilling to settle in the land they had been transported. They worried frequently and talked of plans for returning to their estate and inheritance, which they forfeited. Therefore this letter was sent not only to them but to all in similar circumstances.

Are you in captivity? Your circumstances are the restraint and shackles that hold you. No prisoner in a cell could be more helpless than you are. Be the best you can where you are, and wait for the Lord's leisure. It is by fidelity in present obligations that you become fitted for better works.

Consider the needs of those around you. In **Jer 29:7** it says: *And seek the peace of the city where I have caused you to be carried away captive, and pray to the LORD for it; for in its peace you will have peace.* In this, the story of Joseph is a remarkable example. When he was cast into prison, he set to minister to the prisoners there. — *"Why do you look so sad today?"* (**Gen 40:6-7**). In the peace of those to whom we minister, we shall find our peace.

Words of comfort and hope were spoken to the captives. Though their outward predicament seemed harsh, God was thinking thoughts of peace, not of evil, concerning them. So with us, it may appear as though everything is against us; hard, comfortless, uninviting. But in His holy heaven, God is thinking about you! His thoughts are those of peace and not of evil. Therefore the horizon is flushed with hope. There is an allotted time for your present troubles, and God will surely visit you and perform His divine word towards you.

MEANWHILE, we must live a life of constant prayer. *"Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart. I will be found by you, says the LORD, and I will bring you back from your captivity"* (**Jer 29:12-14**). We must live in a spirit of prayer and faith and constant dialog with our God. For all these things, God WILL enquire of you, to do them! So, believe in better days to come because the Lord our God has the best in mind for you! Shalom!

In Him,

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