

*****“Yet if you devote your heart to him and stretch out your hands to him, if you put away the sin that is in your hand and allow no evil to dwell in your tent, then, free of fault, you will lift up your face; you will stand firm and without fear. You will surely forget your trouble, recalling it only as waters gone by. Life will be brighter than noonday, and darkness will become like morning. You will be secure, because there is hope; you will look about you and take your rest in safety. You will lie down, with no one to make you afraid, and many will court your favor.

(Job 11:13-19 NIV)

Zophar said these words convinced that Job had created a major sin that brought on his great suffering. With that thought aside...these are some great words for us...and for our nation today. Devote our heart!! The scriptures say that if we seek the Lord we will find Him if we seek Him with our WHOLE heart. That requires devoting our whole heart to the act of seeking Him. Unfortunately many other things are trying to occupy parts of our heart. In that area we need to be more vigilant in not letting Satan win. And don't you love that image of grace!!!! Once we devote our heart to Him and put away our sin, then we can lift our face without shame or fear....for in Christ there is no condemnation. Oh the freedom and peace that comes from being able to lift our face without shame or fear! My favorite scripture passage is John 8...it is the true picture of the message of grace that our Savior brings... “Jesus straightened up and asked her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?” “No one, sir,” she said. “Then neither do I condemn you,” Jesus declared. “Go now and leave your life of sin.” John 8:10-11 NIV. Truth and grace! He didn't condone her sin...he acknowledged it and gave her the grace to walk away from it. Grace truly is AMAZING!!!