

It Is Well

With My Soul

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- ◆ **There are times when everything goes right . . .**
- ◆ **Health problems develop . . .**
- ◆ **A loved one dies . . .**
- ◆ **A marriage goes bad . . .**
- ◆ **A job is lost . . .**
- ◆ **Financial problems come up . . .**
- ◆ **Strong temptations to sin . . .**

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- ✦ Written in 1873 by Horatio Spafford (1828-1888)– a lawyer & real-estate investor.
- ✦ Composed by Philip P. Bliss (1838-1876),
- ✦ The Bible scripture reference is Psalm 46:1 "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."

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Psalms 46:1-11 (NKJV)

¹ To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of the sons of Korah. A song for Alamoth. God *is* our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble. ²

Therefore we will not fear, Even though the earth be removed, And though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; ³ *Though* its waters roar *and* be troubled, *Though* the mountains shake with its swelling. Selah

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Psalms 46:1-11 (NKJV)

⁴ *There is* a river whose streams shall make glad the city of God, The holy *place* of the tabernacle of the Most High. ⁵ God *is* in the midst of her, she shall not be moved; God shall help her, just at the break of dawn. ⁶ The nations raged, the kingdoms were moved; He uttered His voice, the earth melted. ⁷ The Lord of hosts *is* with us; The God of Jacob *is* our refuge. Selah

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⁸ Come, behold the works of the Lord, Who has made desolations in the earth. ⁹ He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; He breaks the bow and cuts the spear in two; He burns the chariot in the fire. ¹⁰ Be still, and know that I *am* God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth! ¹¹ The Lord of hosts *is* with us; The God of Jacob *is* our refuge. Selah

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- ◆ In 1861 Spafford married Norwegian Anna Lawson and they settled north of Chicago.
- ◆ By 1871 they had one son and four daughters, but in that year, their four year old son died of scarlet fever.
- ◆ Also in 1871, the Great Chicago fire wiped out Spafford's business and most of his wealth.

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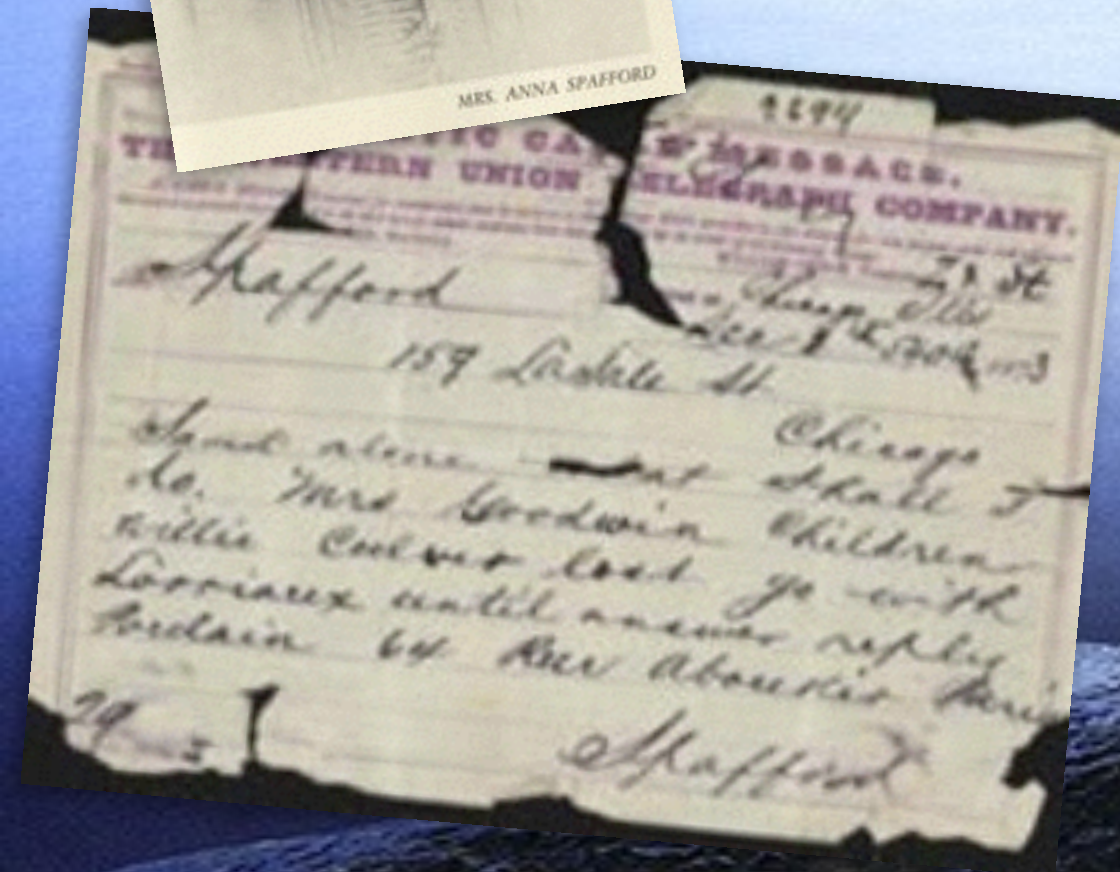


- ◆ Two years later, the family went to NY to board the S.S. Ville du Havre, but business forced Spafford's return to Chicago.
- ◆ Spafford sent his wife Anna, his four daughters, (*Annie, Maggie, Bessie, Tanetta*), on ahead.
- ◆ Early in the morning of Nov. 22nd 1873, the ship collided with another ship.

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- ◆ Of the 313 passengers and crew, only 61 passengers and 26 crew members survived.
- ◆ Among the 226 who lost their lives was Stafford's four daughters.
- ◆ His wife survived, and upon being taken to Cardiff, cabled her husband, "*Saved alone – what shall I do?*"



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When peace like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea-bellows, roll -
And trouble like angry waves, do but tempt and singe,
Tho' well, it is well with my soul -

Though bitter should befall, - though trials should come,
Let this blessed assurance control, -
That Christ both regards my helpless estate,
And hath shed his own blood for my soul -

My sin - oh the thorns of this glorious thought, -
My sin, is not in fact but the impulse, -
So nailed to the cross, & I hear it no more, -
Praise the Lord! praise the Lord, oh my soul -

And lead, back to bay, when the faith shall be right, -
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll, -
The trump shall resound, & the Lord shall descend, -
- a song in the night, oh my soul!

◆ Spafford boarded the next available ship to be near his grieving wife.

◆ Written on the deck of the ship near the spot where his four daughters along with 226 others died.

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In Every Circumstance

When peace like a river
attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea
billows roll,
Whatever my lot, Thou
hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with
my soul.”

- ◆ **Be anxious for nothing –** Phil 4:4-7; Rom. 8:28-39
- ◆ **Think Right –** Phil 4:8; Mat 6:19-23
- ◆ **LEARNING to be CONTENT–** Phil 4:11,12
- ◆ **Must build our life on the solid foundation – trusting God –** Mat 7:24-26; Prov 10:25; Phil 4:13

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Because of God's Grace

"Though Satan should buffet,
Though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance
control,
That Christ hath regarded
my helpless estate,
And hath shed His own blood
for my soul.

- ◆ **Satan's goal is to destroy us** – John 10:10; 1 Peter 5:8; Eph 6:10-18
- ◆ **God cares for us – He has provided our every need** – 1 Pet 5:7,9-10; Eph. 6:10-18;
- ◆ **Our greatest need is the salvation of our souls** – Luke 12:15-21; John 3:16; Rom. 5:8,9; Eph 2:8-10.

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Because I Am Right With God

My sin- the bliss of
this glorious thought,
My sin, not in part, but
the whole,
Is nailed to the cross,
and I bear it no more:
Praise the Lord, praise
the Lord, O my soul!

- ◆ **I have believed and obeyed the gospel – My sins have been forgiven**
Acts 2:38; 22:16; Gal. 3:26,27; Rom. 6:3-22; 1 Pet. 3:21; Eph 4:32; Col. 2:12
- ◆ **No matter my physical circumstance – I have cause to praise the Lord –**
Job 1:20-21; Acts 16:25

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Because Of The Lord's Return

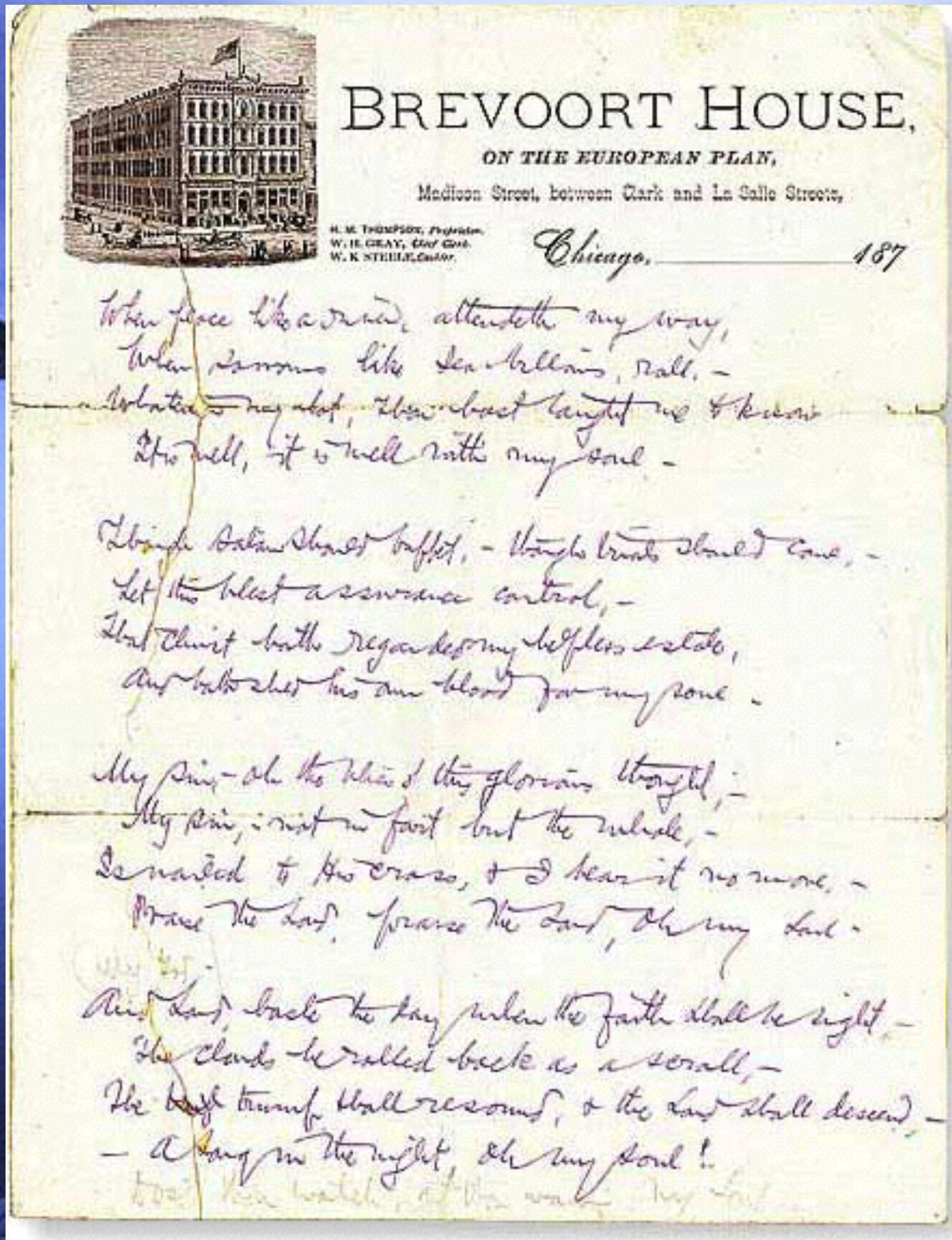
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when my faith shall be
sight,

The clouds be rolled back
as a scroll:

The trump shall resound
and the Lord shall descend,
Even so-It is well with my
soul.

- ◆ **By faith - I am looking for that eternal city –** Hebrews 11:13-16
- ◆ **I am serving Jesus and He will reward me when He returns–** Mat. 25:34, Col. 3:24; Rev 22:12-14
- ◆ **These are comforting words to the righteous –** 1 Thes. 4:13-18; 5:10,11

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In Every
Circumstance



Because of The
Grace of God



Because I Am
Right With God



Because The Lord
Is Returning

*Are
Things
Well With
Your
Soul?*



**In Every
Circumstance?**



**Have You
Accepted God's
Grace?**



**Are You Right
With God?**



**Are you Ready To
Meet The Lord?**

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