

- I. Be Encouraged
 - a. Encourage - to strengthen, to make firm, to restore strength someone's hand *strengthen* their *hands*.
 - i. *Hands* means strength for personal action (as we speak of 'putting our hands to the task');
 - ii. Exhausted - slack hands, meaning discouraged
 - 1. They should encourage the depressed (those with **feeble hands**),
 - b. Strengthen
 - i. Feeble – knees - *knees* suggests stability and persistence, the durability to stick with the pilgrimage
 - ii. the terrified (those whose **knees ... give way**),
 - c. Say to the Anxious Hearts
 - i. Anxious - to **act rashly, hastily**
 - 1. **Hearts - one's inner self**, seat of feeling and emotions¹
 - 2. *hearts* need nourishing in those convictions that keep us going with mental, emotional and spiritual commitment.
 - ii. Take Courage - Courage -to act determinedly; to show oneself strong'
 - 1. Fear Not - not be afraid; Emotional foreboding or dread of impending distress or misfortune
- II. God Will
 - a. God Will Come with Vengeance
 - i. Vengeance - **vengeance, retribution**
 - 1. the rendering of a just punishment upon a wrongdoer or the recompense given to the victim of the wrongdoing; (2) vindictive revenge inflicted by wicked people upon the innocent²
 - b. God will Recompense-
 - i. Recompense **Isaiah 59:18** - to deal retribution
 - c. God Will Save –
 - i. Save - **receive help, be victorious**,
 - 1. "Salvation" in the Old Testament can refer to an event of rescue from any intolerable situation or great danger from which the person is unable to save himself or herself

¹ Ludwig Koehler et al., [*The Hebrew and Aramaic Lexicon of the Old Testament*](#) (Leiden: E.J. Brill, 1994–2000), 514.

² Wayne T. Pitard, "[Vengeance](#)," ed. David Noel Freedman, *The Anchor Yale Bible Dictionary* (New York: Doubleday, 1992), 786.