

1st John # 83 “Stronger Reasons not to Worry” 1st John 5:9

John uses an *a fortiori* argument; Latin for a certain type of logic which is literally with stronger or greater reason.

A fortiori is a system of logic using comparison to make a conclusion compared with some other conclusion or recognized fact, indicating an even more certain or inescapable conclusion than the two conclusions it combines.

A fortiori is a system of debate which takes an accepted fact and by comparison produces an inescapable fact and confident conclusion.

If the justice of God provides the greater in blessing the Gentiles through Jewish apostasy and discipline, it follows *a fortiori*, with stronger reason that God will not withhold the lesser which is greater blessings to the Gentiles in the Millennial restoration of Israel. This *a fortiori* emphasizes the fact that greater is not quality or quantity but degree of effort.

We in the US are blessed today in a wonderful way but we would be blessed even more as Gentiles if Israel were God’s representative as priest-client nation today.

The Gentiles have maximum blessing in the Church Age through Israel’s fall but they will have greater than maximum blessing in the Millennium when Israel is restored as a priest-client nation.

It’s easier to bless the grafted-in Gentiles when the firmly rooted Jews have been restored to priest-client nation status.

The nation or individual that tries to punish Israel with anti-Semitism will be utterly and completely destroyed.

If God can do the greater, it follows *a fortiori* with stronger reason, that God can accomplish the lesser as greater or lesser is not a matter of quality but of effort required.

If God clothes the grass, it follows *a fortiori* with stronger reason, that He will clothe us.

We must remember this principle in times of pressure as the 2nd stage of the faith-rest life after claiming a promise of God to stabilize our mind in distress by reversing our concentration away from our problem and onto our Problem-solver, God, Himself and that’s how we apply it to our desperate situation at the time.

If the justice of God provided the greater at spiritual maturity with its special blessings, it follows *a fortiori* with stronger reason that the justice of God will not withhold the lesser, eternal blessings and rewards at the Judgment Seat of Christ.

This connects special blessings in time with eternal blessings, setting up a motivation for us linking our experience in time all the way into eternity.

All this is a system of rationales with which Paul starts *Romans* with his point that if we have God’s perfect righteousness, we’ll have His living-grace support and if we have that, its purpose is to sustain us so we can advance to receive God’s special escrow blessings and

if we have those in time with our sin natures and the world against us, that's a guarantee that we'll have something even greater in eternity without distractions because it's easier to provide as it's the lesser.

A fortiori is the super-charger of the plan of God rationale.

The *a fortiori* rationale stimulates reverse concentration as the 2nd stage of the faith-rest life, which leads to the 3rd stage; reaching a biblical conclusion and gaining control of the situation.

A fortiori compares a previous conclusion of biblical truth with another conclusion of biblical truth to understand and apply the inescapable certainty of God's grace policy in His perfect plan.

In 1st John 5:9, John is arguing from the lesser to the greater that if we can believe men and what they say, we can obviously *a fortiori* with stronger reason, also believe God, for God is infinitely greater than men.

So, if we accept the testimony of the apostles who were eye-witnesses of Jesus' life, death burial and resurrection, then the witness of God, Himself is even greater.

The Word of God stabilizes our emotions in times of extreme pressure, so that we can learn to relax and trust in God, alone and it's a growth process that takes time.