



DEPENDABLE



“Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.”

Psalm 23:4 KJV

Do you know what darkness is? Have you been through the ‘valley of the shadow of death’? Have you ever been at a true rock bottom?

These things are relative to what we grow accustomed to. The normal of life gets interrupted by tragedy, bad news, or a misplaced focus on the happenings of the world and we can feel shaken and in the valley. Truth be told, we create some of our valleys ... at least I know I have created some of mine by being selfish and self-centered. If I am being honest, I’ve created most of my own valleys.

In contrast, Job understood what the valley of death was. He was in it. *“Are not my few days almost over? Turn away from me so I can have a moment’s joy before I go to the place of no return, to the land of gloom and utter darkness, to*

the land of deepest night, of utter darkness and disorder, where even the light is like darkness.” (Job 10:20-22)

He did everything right, and yet he went through the valley. He suffered tragedy beyond belief. This upright man lost everything he had of any value. He lost all his wealth and his family, except his wife. But he never lost faith in God.

How do you respond when tragedy strikes? Do you turn to God? Or do you turn away? Can God count on you the way He counted on Job? How did Job get to where God knew he’d react the way he did? He honored God daily!

“Then the LORD said to Satan, “Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil.” (Job 1:8) In other words, he respected God and refused to commit evil!

Can that be said of you? Can God count on you and me the way He counted on Job? I’m not convinced that God could count on me in that way. I would like to think He could, but the reality is that I let him down in good times, how does that bode for the bad?

But praise God we serve a Lord and Savior who will never fail us! *“and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” (Matt 28:20)*

Praise God for His mercy and grace! Praise God for our salvation through the sacrifices of Christ! Tell someone today what The Lord has done for you!