IN MY HASTE

Psalm 31:22 KJV

[22] For I said in my haste, I am cut off from before thine eyes: nevertheless thou heardest the voice of my supplications when I cried unto thee.

     I am too quick to blame God for my suffering. Is God obligated to protect us from every little pain?  Should he keep us from catching a cold?  Does he exist only to serve us?  No.  He loves us with his very being but his love is so pure we often do not comprehend it immediately.  Our sufferings may be part of his love for us where he may care for us with his most tender mercies. Our troubles may have us pinned down between a rock and a hard place so that God in his great love may rescue and save us.  The love of the Good Shepherd is more appreciated as he searches and finds the lost sheep.  We recognize his love more as he fights the lion, bear and wolf to protect and keep us.  Therefore we should be careful not to make hasty judgments about God and his lack of care for us.

      We are a people that loves speed.  Our cars must go fast.  The internet must provide us with service that is fast.  We want to be checked out at Walmart in a hurry.  It makes sense that we do many things in our haste.  We are impatient in traffic; impatient in check-out lines and we’re often too hasty to point blame for things we can’t prove.  If I see puffs of cereal in our floor, at home, I usually start instructing grandkids to clean them up.  In my haste, I don’t ask questions, I assume they dropped them in the floor.  In my haste, I have said many things that could have been much better said if I had waited.  If we take our time we might react with much more clarity and understanding.

     In a sermon, one of our preachers told how easy it was for preachers to get ahead of God; when we should be waiting on the Lord for direction and guidance we often yield to the temptation of money, politics or prestige.  These things may be fun while one is living but they are no help when you’re dying.  In short, we often let our eyes rule over our heart.  As Christians, we are people who should see things beneath the surface of the flesh.  If we don’t, we are no different from the world.  Christ spent much of his time teaching us not to worry and not to be impatient but rather to wait and trust him for our provision.  In the past, I have spoken and acted foolishly and most of those foolish mistakes were made In My Haste.

Yours in Christ,

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