LORD, DON’T LET ME SLIP

Hold up my goings in thy paths, *that* my footsteps slip not. Psalms 17:5 (KJV)

It is so easy to stray from the path that God sets before us. Satan does not take a off day and he has unlimited resources to use and try to lure us away from God’s way for us. He certainly knows our weaknesses and he knows when we are at our weakest. The devil has no love for us and never shows mercy. Grace and mercy are always of the Lord. These graces are not in the character of Satan. He is continually throwing stumbling blocks in our path and doing anything he can to make us fall out of the way.

So how can I be true to God and stay in the way that he has set for me? First, we read, study, and take to heart the Word of God. David said “by the word of thy lips I have kept me from the paths of the destroyer.” Therefore, we must depend on the Bible to be the glue that keeps us on the right path. His word is what keeps us firmly gripping the Lord’s Highway.

Second, prayerful communication with God is necessary for us to stay in his path. “Hold up my goings in thy paths, that my footsteps slip not.” This was the sincere desire of David. He further says “I have called upon thee, for thou wilt hear me.” I think I can truthfully say that though we are on the right path does not mean that we do not get tired and weak. Our spiritual legs will get weak and trembling at times. Our faith will need strengthening. We will be tired from facing the tempter. Our spirit will need reviving. We must keep crying out to God. He wants us to call on him when we are weak that is when he holds us up. David would not have left us these words had he not experienced weakness and needed the strong hand of God to assist him in the way. There may have been times when we grew weak yet kept our faith in him and he sent angels our way to strengthen us. We may have been fed by the ravens at times for he knew what lay ahead of us. We must keep listening for even the most minor instructions he has for us on our journey. His word is direction. The Bible is our road map. We must keep listening. He speaks to us through his word. He loves us and will not leave us in the dark. Here is a verse from a song we often sing in church. The song is “His Love Lights the Way” by Allen Frazier. The line is “Each trial o’er-come adds strength to my soul, and faithful I’ll ever be; the billows of grace now over me roll, His love lights the way for me.”

Here is my prayer. “Lord please don’t let me slip but if I fail to see your outstretched hand and my faith starts losing its grip, would you please grab me any way and don’t let me fall. Lord if I fall, please don’t let me just lay there as devil bait, quickly lift me up and set me on my feet once more so that I might trod ever further down your glorious highway.”

Yours in Christ,

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