



"The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear?"
Psalm 27:1

When we go through times of testing, our experiences can either draw us closer to God or drive us further away from God. Somebody has said that the same sun that melts the wax hardens the clay. When testing comes into your life, it can grow our faith or it can destroy our faith. It depends on our response.

You may be in a time of testing now. You may be facing a health crisis in your life or in the life of someone you love dearly. Maybe you're facing a financial hardship and can't imagine how you're going to make ends meet. Maybe you're facing the breakup of an important relationship in your life and you're wondering if God can really take care of your need.

But remember, God says, "remember what I have done for you in the past. Remember how I rescued you from Satan's domain and gave you my holy name. Remember how I miraculously provided for your every need. Do you think I am going to let go of you now?" God says we need to trust Him in times of testing.

Alexander Whyte, a famous Scottish preacher, was known by his people as a man who was very optimistic. He always devoted the first several sentences of his prayers to gratitude and thanksgiving to God. On one particularly miserable Sunday in Church, with weather so terrible that 90% of his congregation did not even come to the worship service, those in attendance were wondering how he could pray something optimistic to begin his prayer.

But Pastor Whyte remained true to his faith when he began by praying, "We thank thee, O God, that it is not always like it is today."

So remember, even when it seems like life cannot possibly get any more difficult and the sun will never shine again, God is still there for us. Thanksgiving is a great antidote for pity, and it can be very effective in opening our eyes to the awesome goodness of our heavenly Father.

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