

LENT DEVOTION

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The Bible assures a believer that "the righteous person is not forsaken by God" (Psalms 37:25). This is one of the many temporal and eternal blessings of a righteous person. "The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous" (Psalms 34:15). Jesus said: "My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my father's hands. I and the Father are one" (John 10:27--29).

Was it not true in the life of Job? He was not only the greatest man among all people of the East (Job 1:3). Not only that, "This man was blameless and upright; he feared God and shunned evil"(Job 1:1). Yes! He became the target of Satan. He lost everything he had in a day - his possession, children, health, position, etc. "But in all this, Job did not sin by charging with wrong doing" (Job 1:22). Even in that situation "he fell to the ground in Worship" (Job 1:20). He continued to trust in God. Because he knew that God didn't forsake him. Yes, he was hurt deeply but didn't fail to communicate with God and persevered in faith as he endured the pain.

God allowed such a situation in Job's life but did not forsake him. We know that "the Lord blessed the latter part of Job's life more than the first"(Job 42:12). Friends, the same is so true in a believer's life also. Whatever may be the situation that you and I are in, as believers, let us be assured of the fact that "God will not forsake us" and He is always with us. For God had promised: "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you" (Hebrews 13:5).