

My Dear Loved Ones:

God says in Psalm 91:8 - "Only with your eyes shall you look, / And see the reward of the wicked."

Have you ever wondered what the people of Heaven see? The Bible doesn't exactly say, but my surmising is that they do not see any of the things that would cause them great pain, because the Bible definitely says that all sorrow and tears are done away in Heaven. But someone might say to me, "Yes, but that's only at the end of Revelation; not now." I would have to say, "You have a point there. But the question of what people in Heaven see is intriguing to me. Again, it's personal opinion, but I believe that Hell is complete utter darkness as it says in the New Testament. But my personal opinion is that when the rich man died, he could see Lazarus in paradise, which would be yet another torture to him of what the rich man was missing for all eternity. But I guess that gets us on the question of "what do people see who are in Hell." I do know that one of the most sobering things in future events is going to be the sight when people go to rocks and hills and pray and beg them rocks to fall on them and kill them to protect them from the wrath of the Lamb and the terrible things that take place in the Book of Revelation. Whenever I think of that occasion, it sobers me completely! I deserve to be among them! There is nothing but God's grace that has saved me, because there's nothing in me that deserve to make me different than them except God's grace in saving me. Won't that be an awful sight? People who are so hardened toward God and who are in misery are still turning away from their only hope and in such pain that they beg rocks to fall and kill them. The old Scottish Presbyterian preacher, Robert Murray M'Cheyne, who died at age 29, wrote a verse in a hymn about this. And this thought leads us to our Scripture today.

The LORD promises to be our individual protection in trials. We're invincible until God calls us home. Things can happen around us, and only with our eyes will we see the bad that happens around, but it won't come upon us, if we are walking with God, and God, in His providence, still wants us around.

Loved ones, there is GREAT confidence here! Again, it doesn't mean that we be like Ricky Nelson's song, "Fools Rush In Where Angels Fear to Tread." Don't rush in to trouble. But if we are following the LORD, and He is not done with us, we're invincible. We are merely spectators of what is going around - it won't come to us.

Loved one that should give us great confidence as you live your life today. Trust the Lord. It should also generate great thanks to God, and remind us of how much we owe our LORD. M'Cheyne's words are:

When I hear the wicked call on the rocks and hills to fall, / When I see them start and shrink from the fiery deluge brink, / Then, Lord, shall I fully know, / Not 'till then how much I owe.

Praying for you today, my loved ones.