

*“The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in His (God’s) Way. Though he fall, **He Shall Not Be Utterly Cast Down**: for the LORD upholdeth him with His Hand. I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.” Psalms 37:23-25 KJV*



Until babies learn to walk properly, they often fall. But if Dad holds their hands and guides their steps, they not only are supported while walking, but are kept from falling. *“Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in Him; and He shall bring it to pass.”* Just as the child cannot see the parent guiding them, we do not see God as His Word teaches us how we should go. The child often is unaware of the need to hold on and cheerfully takes off on their own way, letting go and eventually falling. Every time we let go of God, we fall. It is His Word, hidden in our minds, which keeps us and orders our steps. *“Thy Word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against Thee.”* Are you tired of falling? Does sin distress you? Or do you continue therein with little or no remorse? The desire for righteousness is the unique difference between believers and unbelievers; *“he delighteth in HIS WAY! Delight thyself also in the LORD; and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart.”* Believers fall, but they always are kept by their desire to repent; return to obedience of God’s Word. The most important trait of a believer is the attitude of repentance. *“And when [God] had removed [Saul], He raised up unto them David to be their king; to whom also He gave Testimony, and said, ‘I have found David the son of Jesse, A MAN AFTER MINE OWN HEART, which shall fulfil all My Will.’”* Now, we know David fell into sin several times, but what endeared him to God was his attitude of repentance. We know this from the many Psalms he penned. *“Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the Way Everlasting. How precious also are Thy Thoughts unto me, O God! For a day in Thy Courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.”* Is God holding your hands, or are you trying to walk without Him?

God’s mighty Hand sustains my soul,
His Word is my Anchor in the gale,
He keepeth me and makes me whole,
And with His Righteousness prevails! –CGP

God is still there even when we sin, but we will not have His strength and guidance if we let go and go our own way! The Prodigal was still a son when he fed the swine, but he didn’t know his father’s forgiveness until he returned to his father’s house. *“And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.”* You see, the father has already forgiven him! If you want to know God’s forgiveness, come Home!

“If My People, which are called by My Name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek My Face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.” 2 Chronicles 7:14 KJV