

"O my God, my soul is cast down within me: therefore will I remember Thee from the land of Jordan, and of the Hermonites, from the hill Mizar." Psalms 42:6 KJV



The Jordan River runs in the valley. The Hermonites were from the peaks of the Hermon Mountains. It matters little whether we are in a valley or on a mountaintop for Satan to interject the evil whispers of doubt. *"Hast God said?"* In our valleys we tend to lose sight of our destination and become embroiled in our immediate woes. On our mountaintops we tend to overlook important details needed to maintain our faith; our daily meditation and prayer. What is the cure? *"I will*

remember Thee." Satan gets us so busy "earning a living" we don't have time for God. Even Pastors can become so bogged down with ministering to the flock they neglect their own spiritual maintenance and that of their family. In the circles where I grew up, the "preacher's kids" were often the worst behaved. Satan uses good things to detour us from the best. If a good spiritual book by a devout Christian takes the place of God's Word in your day, you have been detoured! If you do a good deed by ministering to a loved one or fellow believer, but it robs you of your quiet time with God, you have been detoured! Without consistent meditation and prayer, your valleys dry up and your mountaintops become shrouded with clouds! God's Word in your heart and mind is what guides you through the dark treacherous labyrinths of Satan's detours! *"The entrance of Thy Words giveth light; it giveth understanding to the simple."* You need not be a genius to successfully navigate life with God's Word. *"But thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success."* Notice: Meditation is not the end of the process. *"That thou mayest observe TO DO ALL that is written therein..."* Obedience is the path of success. You don't get to Pittsburg on the road to Miami. How much of your lover's love would you be willing to share with another? *"God is jealous, and the LORD revengeth; the LORD revengeth, and is furious. For the LORD thy God is a consuming fire, even a jealous God."* You want God angry with you? Ignore Him! You want depression and sorrow? Neglect God's Word!

In depths of sorrow Light doth shine,
For I am Christ's and He is mine,
And when life's tide doth o'er me roll,
I'll rest secure in Heaven's fold! ~CGP

Focus on circumstance instead of God's promises and you'll sink beneath its billows. The storm wasn't a problem for Peter until he looked at it. *"Peter...walked on the water, to go to Jesus, but WHEN HE SAW THE WIND...he was afraid"* and sank. What are you looking at?

"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: He that keepeth thee will not slumber." Psalms 121:1-3 KJV