

I Will Find Comfort in His Arms

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Introduction

1. Psalm 23: 4
2. Psalms have comforted the noble host, sung courage to the disappointed; these songs have been balm and consolation to the captive of sickness, widow in grief; and the orphan in loneliness.
3. The when of this Psalm has not been established, we do know that it is filled with a great deal of experience which David had in any event in his life. lion bear Goliath
4. This shepherd psalm is one that has given and continues to give comfort to the down trodden for the millenniums.
5. Let us walk with God through the valley of shadows of death so that we will fear no evil by focusing our attention on our position, the problems and persevere with our problems

II Discussion

1. Our position Psalm 23:4
 - a. We are to walk with God as did Enoch (Genesis 5:24) and Noah (Genesis 6:9) 1 John 1:7
 - i. Why we are to walk with God, He knows the road; he knows what is at the end of the road Matthew 7:13-14
 - ii. We do not run with alarm down this road for there is no fear, we are with God a child in the arms of its mother during a storm
 - iii. We do not stand still because we are confused or ashamed
 - iv. When we are with God we fear no evil complete trust in God Hebrews 13:5-6
 - b. It is a valley
 - i. A place of quietness
 - ii. A valley is a place between to mountains enemies could be posted on either side to shoot their arrows Ephesians 6:16
 - c. It is a place of shadows
 - i. Shadow of a dog does not bite; shadow of a sword does not cut; death cannot destroy. We will live on Matthew 25:46; Romans 6:23
2. Our problems 2 Corinthians 1:3-8
 - a. Our problems are always the biggest and worst of anyone's
 - b. Words that describe the problems of life
 - i. Tribulation - pressing or pressure; distress of a woman in childbirth persecutions Colossians 1:24
 - ii. Trouble - agitation, disturbance
 - iii. Sufferings - destined to suffer calamity or suffering or feeling afflicted
 - iv. Afflicted - due to the pressure of circumstances or the antagonism of a person, externally, misfortune calamity, evil affliction
 - v. Suffer - misfortune calamity
 - c. Words that describe the serenity that is imparted
 - i. Comfort, consolation three words from the same root having a little variation in meaning
 - ii. To address to speak to one in a way of exhortation entreaty; comfort by way of direct discourse
 - iii. Encouragement with alleviation of grief
 - iv. The capability or adaptability for giving aid; court legal assistant – advocate, one who pleads another cause; an intercessor advocate 1 John 2:1

3. Perseverance in our problems James 1:2-12
 - a. Positively count it all joy 2; 1 Peter 4:16
 - b. Patiently 3-4 Hebrews 12:2
 - c. Prayerfully 5-8; 4:4
 - d. Perceptively 9-11 your perception of rich and poor may be different from mine
 - e. Perseveringly 12 Heaven will be worth it all

Conclusion

1. We have seen where our position ought to be, walking with God
2. We have seen the problems but also the consolation
3. We have seen the correct perseverance in our problems
4. Will you walk with God?
5. Will you consider the problems or the comfort
6. Will you handle your problems correctly?
7. If you need to begin handling your problems correctly or changes are needed to handle them then now is the time to correct those ways

Sources: Treasury of David; MSOP 2007; Vines; Thayer's Englishmen's