



God Lifts Up My Head

“And now shall mine head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me: therefore will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy; I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the Lord.” Psalm 27:6 (KJV)

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There are many reasons why our heads are bent down. Guilt, shame, fear, worry, depression, hopelessness, pain, sorrow, weariness with this life’s battles, to name a few. In David’s life at this time, most people would say he had good cause to have his head hanging down. Enemies trying to destroy him, wicked people plotting against him, and war rising against him and his kingdom.

However, we do not see that in David. Over and over again he proclaims his trust in God. In the darkness of his situations he says, *“The Lord is my light.”* In situations that look overwhelming he says, *“The Lord is my salvation.”* He is aware of his own weaknesses, and he says, *“The Lord is the strength of my life.”* With an enemy host encamped against him, he says, *“My heart shall not fear. In spite of this I am confident.”* He was not questioning God with an attitude of “why me, God?” He did not bitterly accuse God of failing him. He had one desire in the midst of all his troubles: a closer relationship with his God.

While an army is trying to destroy him, instead of feeling sorry for himself, he is seeking fellowship with God. He is looking for the beauty of his God and desiring to know his God in a more intimate way. Instead of trying to escape from all his troubles, he wants to be hid in God. He fully trusts God’s amazing grace to be sufficient for his every need. When I read of David trusting God to hide him in the midst of his troubles, I think of Noah in Genesis Chapter 6. God did not deliver Noah and his

family out of the flood. He closed them safely in the ark in the midst of the flood. The flood that destroyed everyone and every living thing is the same flood that pushed Noah and his family up closer to God. God did not allow them to drown in the flood. Closed securely in the ark, Noah and his family were raised up above it by God!

Beloved, just like David and Noah, you and I have daily choices to make. When life’s troubles threaten to destroy us, we can try to handle them in our own strength or the ways of the unbelievers in this world. We can murmur and complain, doubt God and get bitter toward Him and others, or we can follow David’s example, seeking a deeper relationship with our God, looking for and appreciating His beauty in the midst of our troubles. As we trust Him, keeping our eyes on Him, HIS AMAZING GRACE will lift up our head above our enemies!

I have constantly sought God and His beauty in the midst of my troubles. He has never failed me. Beloved believer, God wants to lift up your head above your enemies today. He is bigger than your troubles. He wants to be the light in your darkness, the strength in your weakness, and unbeliever, I encourage you to surrender your life to the Lordship of Jesus Christ today.

*With a goal to glorify Jesus Christ
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