

LENT DEVOTION

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"God will make your righteousness shine like the dawn" (Psalm 37:6). This is the promise given to a believer by God. He always gives the promises with one or two conditions in mind. When will God make your righteousness to shine? The condition is given in the previous verse: "Commit your ways to the Lord; trust in Him and He will do this" (Psalm 37:5). "Committing" your ways and trusting in God" are the most important things to do! It becomes more difficult, especially without knowing or seeing the immediate outcome. But that is what 'faith' means: Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see" (Hebrews 12:1).

Most of the time the blessings of the righteous people may be insignificant or 'very little' when compared with that of the wealth of the wicked people. "Better the little that the righteous have than the wealth of many wicked; for the power of the wicked will be broken and the Lord upholds the righteous" (Psalm 37:16--17). God does take care of the wealth of the righteous people. It may be little - like that of the Manna which was a 'dew' every morning - but it was more than sufficient for the People of God walking in wilderness; but that was just enough for them. God's provision for the righteous people, has been reserved for his care and protection of the righteous (Psalm 37:16--17). God cares for you and will certainly provide for you. He is never ever too late. "The days of the righteous people are known to the Lord and their inheritance will endure forever" (Psalm 37:17). Psalmist assures us as follows:

"I was young and now I am old, yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken" (Psalm 37:35).

When a believer tries to live a life of contentment and continues to depend on God for everything and commits his/her ways then the Lord begins to act. God will "make the righteous to inherit the land (Psalm 37:29) and dwell in it forever." Also, the Lord helps them and delivers the righteous one" (Psalm 37:40) and "the salvation comes from the Lord" (Psalm 37:40) and that "the Lord helps them and delivers them" (Psalm 37: 39). Friends, you very well know that all of your battles in life "belong to the Lord."