

"For I heard the defaming of many, fear on every side. 'Report,' say they, 'and we will report it.' All my familiars watched for my halting, saying, 'Peradventure he will be enticed, and we shall prevail against him, and we shall take our revenge on him.' But the LORD Is With me as a mighty terrible one: **Therefore My Persecutors Shall Stumble**, and they shall not prevail: they shall be greatly ashamed; for they shall not prosper: their everlasting confusion shall never be forgotten." *Jeremiah 20:10-11 KJV*



Goliath did not intimidate David, because David knew Who Walked with him! The child who holds his father's hand is not intimidated! I was often bullied in school, because, with our nomadic missionary life, I was always the "new kid." I would befriend the biggest kid in school and the rest usually found something better to do. The world overflows with evil. "As it was in the days of Noe...every imagination of the thoughts of [their] heart was only evil continually." Pseudo "Christians" spew everything from Hinduism to Islam! They preach tolerance of everything from pedophilia to murder, but one Word of Truth immediately labels you a fanatic! God Is The Unseen Power That Holds the galaxies of the universe together and He Has Promised,

"A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee. Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked. Because thou hast made the LORD, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation; there shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling." It seems there is little hope left for the Gospel of Christ, but let me remind you, "It Is The Power Of God Unto Salvation to everyone that believeth. Even the Righteousness of God which is by Faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe." Those that prefer their own pleasure to Faith will eternally rue the day of their birth! "Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not; because they received not the Love of the Truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the Truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness." Time is grinding to a halt! The Last Day is fast upon us! You can suffer a time with the Righteous or you can suffer forever with the unrighteous! Believers are settling into an apathetic blindness to evil, because they wallow daily in the cesspool of compliance! You can't pull a man out of a ditch by climbing in it with him! It seems the word "Sin" has little impact on our hearts, today! Like branded steers, we no longer feel evil's sting, or like workers in paper mill, the stench of sin no longer repulses us as in the beginning, because we immerse ourselves in it daily!

Derision brings its own reward,
The evil man doth well afford,
The saint will see his end in time,
And live for aye in Grace Divine! –CGP

Some believers even mock those who faithfully try to please their Father, because they're "too spiritual, a little strange," or "just plain weird," because they refuse to conform to worldly ways. "Those that live Godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution!" Are you the persecuted or the persecutor? True believers don't "fit in."

"So are the paths of all that forget God; and the hypocrite's hope shall perish: Whose hope shall be cut off, and whose trust shall be a spider's web. He shall lean upon his house, but it shall not stand: he shall hold it fast, but it shall not endure." *Job 8:13-15 KJV*