

Volume 2 Books of Poetry Psalm 37:25

"I have been young, and now am I old; yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread." Psalm 37:25

Experience speaks – and while not all experience is necessarily beneficial or godly, when the righteous speak of their experience with the Lord we should listen and heed. David's words exudes a confidence issuing from the years he cared for his family's sheep and goats, through his trials in the desert of Judea while being chased by the mad King Saul, to his battles and victories as King of Israel. His experience is not always as a morally upright man, for David has fallen in sin many times, "but the Lord upheld him with His hand." (verse 24).

The testimony of David pierces through the fears of every man and clearly allows us to see the faithfulness and goodness of "the LORD my Shepherd." These words bring us hope, for as David sinned, "all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23). His words challenge us as well, for who has not faced the threat of lack, or the haunting gnawing of doubt, or the grief of having sinned?

Through David's many years of walking with God he emerges as an authority on this subject. As Paul the apostle, who experienced as David did the extremities of life, fully agrees with David when he says, "Not that I speak in respect of want; for I have learned, in whatever state I am, in this to be content. I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound... I can do all things through Christ... My God shall supply all my need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.' (Philippians 4:11-19)

Fear not! Son, whether you are young or old, God is faithful and He will continue to be faithful, for He is the Lord that changes not!

"I have been young and now I am _____ years old. I have never seen the righteous forsaken and I never will, for the Lord is faithful! The Lord is my Provider and my Provision! Thank You Lord!"

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