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When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell. Psalm 27:2 (KJV)

Thought for today...

In a popular English nursery rhyme, we learn of a character who meets an unfortunate end: 'Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall, Humpty Dumpty had a great fall, All the king's horses and all the king's men, Couldn't put Humpty together again...'

Clearly, the king's men were not acquainted with Jesus; He who is the mender of the broken and the One who is able to make all things new!

Unlike Humpty, thankfully, I have not had a great fall whilst sitting on a wall, but I have managed to trip whilst simply walking along.



On such occasions, the thought most uppermost in my mind has been how best to cushion any likely impending fall. What a sigh of relief in those times, when having stumbled, I have managed to stay upright!

There will be times in our lives when we stumble but somehow manage to regain our balance, and other times when a stumble results in us falling headlong into an unceremonious acquaintance with the ground, as we meet it with a force that is sufficient to cause us damage.

In his numerous testimonies, King David contrasts the fate of the wicked with that of the righteous. He says: **“When evil people come to devour me, when my enemies and foes attack me, they will stumble and fall.”** Psalm 27:2 (New Living Translation).

Whilst the righteous will stumble and also sometimes fall, King David paints a very different picture of their outcome to that of the wicked. He encourages us that: **“They collapse and fall, but we rise and stand upright.”** Psalm 20:8 (English Standard Version), and that: **‘Though a righteous person falls seven times, he will get up, but the wicked will stumble into ruin.’** Proverbs 24:16 (Christian Standard Bible).

Further, King David reminds us that **“The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord, and He delights in his way. Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down; for the Lord upholds him with His hand.”** Psalm 37:23-24 (New King James Version).

The enemy will try to convince us that we are down and out for the count, that we have fallen too far, too many times and that we cannot be redeemed from the situation we are in, but it is time for us to prophesy and declare: **“Do not rejoice over me, my enemy! Though I have fallen, I will stand up; though I sit in darkness, the LORD will be my light.”** Micah 7:8 (Christian Standard Bible).

As followers of Christ on mission to complete our kingdom assignment, let us heed the words that Jesus spoke to the Apostle Paul: **“But rise and stand on your feet; for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to make you a minister and a witness both of the things which you have seen and of the things which I will yet reveal to you.”** Acts 26:16 (NKJV). It’s time to get up!



Humpty Dumpty