

## HOPE IN GOD

I will say to God my Rock, "Why have you forgotten me? Why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?"

Why are you cast down O my soul? And why are you disquieted within me?

Hope in God, for I shall yet praise Him, the help of my countenance and my God. Psalm 42, 9 & 11.

Loneliness, abandonment and personal pain is considered not godly in the present scenario of victorious Christian living. We are always asked to confess that we are happy and we become happy! And if we cannot always have a buoyant smile and an eternal "Praise the Lord" in our mouths our believing friends doubt our salvation.

Just as to rejoice in the Lord is natural, it is also so natural to grieve and mourn. God has also a cup of suffering in each of our lives. There are overflowing moments of joy but there are also moments of senseless grief and sorrow in our lives. If God would not allow much suffering, loss, loneliness, abandonment in our lives, I tell you we would never experience God in a deeper and in a most intimate manner. It is suffering and pain that takes us so close to the heart of God. Yes, it is God; it is God Himself who allows suffering and sorrow to enter into our lives.

Read Psalm 77,88, David who was after God's own heart had moments of severe suffering, loneliness, a sense of being exploited, being betrayed, rejection and helplessness. But only these brought him so close to the heart of God. When no human heart or hand can help it is only the arm of God which is not too short that it cannot save, which will hold us close to Him, wipe our tears and keep us company.

It may seem blasphemous for a believer to question God, but David was so close to God, that he pours out his heart to God. He knew his God. Notice he says, "My Rock.., My God" Though he is asking Why God, he also knows he has nowhere to run or no one to confide in.

At times in our life we may have to walk across such tight rope situations that we cannot even speak about it even to the most trusted friend, mother or counselor. It is then we can always go to our Heavenly Friend whose ears are always tuned to hear our voice. We can pour out our hearts and be very sure that He is listening, every word, every sigh, every tear and even the tremor of the heart. What a wonderful God, What a faithful friend! See what David says to himself, "O my soul Hope in Him" (at times it is okay to speak to ourselves J)

Yeah my dear friend whatever you are going through... remember all things happen together for good in the life of those who love God and who are called according to His purpose. So sit at the

Master's feet tell Him everything, but be sure to do what He tells you and also tell your soul to HOPE IN HIM.

Dear Jesus,

Thank you for the greatest privilege of being my Friend. Thank you that you never get bored with me and ever listen patiently and thank you Lord that you are always there for me. Thank you that you are always dependable, that you will keep our confidence and also make a way for us in every desperate situation. Thank you for keeping on loving me, and never giving up on me. Be my Lord, my Rock and my Fortress where I can always find safe refuge. Love you Jesus. Amen