

In all your ways, acknowledge Him

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and IN ALL YOUR WAYS ACKNOWLEDGE HIM, He'll make your paths straight. Proverbs 3 : 5-6

This day I had to travel from Madurai to Trichy and back the same day. As I was returning I sat in the train and thought about this verse. How much the Lord has protected us and that too with us not asking Him for that.

I distinctly remember a comic story I read when I was a child. It was the Phantom stories. In one of the stories a little boy who has the good mark of Phantom is lost in the jungle. The jungle is very dangerous. Even as he entered the pygmies of the jungle saw him and was about to kill him when one chap saw the good mark, which meant that the little boy should be protected at all costs.

This little boy walks on and a big python came over his head to make a meal out of him, when the following pygmies shoot the snake with their arrows and kill it. The boy walks on not knowing that he was about to be attacked by a deadly snake or that a group is following and protecting him.

He became tired , sat under a tree and started sleeping, when a tiger was ready to pounce on him. The pygmies again speared the tiger when the boy slept on peacefully. They also kept some fruits for him to eat. When he got up he happily ate the food and started singing and walking.

He saw a big river and wanted to take a plunge. As he went down to the water the pygmies had gone ahead of him and ripped the crocodiles waiting there to eat him. So the story goes till the little boy reaches Phantom.

In the whole deadly walk through the jungle the little boy had no idea that he was face to face with fatal dangers. He was accorded unseen protection.

It is really true my dear friends, as we walk through this deadly world we are surrounded by deadly traps and snares laid by the enemy. But the hosts of angels whom our God has set around us are always protecting us. Sometimes we will never know the dangers we passed through, but one thing is sure that our God is faithful and He keeps watch over us day or night.

This really happened in my life. Once when I was reading my regular portion, this verse from Psalm 140,7 **O LORD, my Lord, my strong deliverer, you have covered my head in the day of battle**, struck in my mind. I had not really noticed it before. But I didn't really understand the meaning of this verse.

Three days later one of my neighbours staying opposite to my house called me and said, "Sister three days back when you went out of your home for work , as soon as you had closed your iron gate and walked a few paces the overhead live high tension wire fell on the very gate. But you didn't know you kept walking. I wanted to let you know that you were so miraculously protected."

Only then the meaning of that verse struck deep into my heart. I was amazed how the Lord had literally covered my head. What a faithful God have we! How many times every day, does He protect us again and again as we ceaselessly travel in bikes, cars, trains, planes etc. We do not know them the myriad ways of God's protection and so we grudge and complain over the little things of life.

Let us praise and thank God for His faithfulness, His unseen protection, His eternal watchfulness over our lives.

I will bless the Lord at all times. His praise shall continuously be in my mouth.

Psalm 34,1