



Daily Devotion



"The people of Israel did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, and the Lord gave them into the hand of Midian seven years." Judges 6:1

Why does God send troubles into our life? At the time of the Judges, He did it for the purpose of calling them back to Him. It might seem like God has punishment in mind, but in truth, all He does for His people is out of love. Had He not given Israel into Midian's hand, they would have walked farther and farther away from Him. They would have fallen completely into unbelief, and their children would not even have known the Lord.

God sends troubles to us, even to the most faithful among us, because we all need to be called back to Him on a daily basis. It is God's love for us that causes Him to send sickness, disease, and various trials. After Midian had been oppressing God's people, they cried to the Lord. This is what God desires for us...to call upon Him. He wants us to walk with Him now so that we will walk with Him forever in heaven. Sometimes the only way to get our attention is to give us a harsh wake up call. You may hate your alarm in the morning, but it is necessary and is a good thing. So, too, are the troubles God sends. When they bring us back to His house, His table, His words of life, they are truly a blessing.

The troubles You send, Lord Jesus, are for my good. Allow me to believe this, and use my troubles for the good result of bringing me back to You. Amen.