NO MAN CAN SAVE HIMSELF

Psalm 33:18 KJV

[18] Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy;

        It is important for us to realize how weak we are without the Lord.  Equally, it is important to realize how powerful we are with the Lord.  We are not told who the writer of this Psalm is but it is thought to be David and the words sound like him.  This was a lesson that David had to learn and relearn.

       Sad to say but we are constantly learning and relearning these truths also.  In verse sixteen the writer said that “There is no king saved by the multitude of an host: a mighty man is not delivered by much strength.”  So, our self-devised plans are worthless without the guidance and blessings of God.  I had a professor in college who would not sign off on a soul winning technique, developed by a student attempting to get his doctorate degree, because it did not contain any Scriptural direction.  My professor knew that without the word of God being used it was a faulty plan.

       Many other things we try to accomplish on our own are set for failure.  How about marriage?  Things go well for a while then the couple runs into a snag.  Each of them has their own way of fixing things and then they can’t even agree on the fix.  One may want counseling the other may not want anyone involved in their troubles.  Either way, without the Lord it will probably go south.

       I knew a couple who bought a car and got over extended in debt.  They sold the car taking a great loss and bought another car that was a lemon.  Finally, they got rid of that vehicle and bought another that was a good car and lasted for many years.  I mentioned to them that this seemed to be a much better car than what they had previously owned.  They responded that the main difference was that they prayed about this purchase.  There is nothing too small to involve the Lord.  If we care about it, most likely he does too.

       “He is our help and our shield.” When we go into battle with all the forces of heaven with us: How can we lose?  We serve a mighty God!  He cares for us.  He doesn’t leave us in battle instead he leads us.  He is our help.   When we are weak, he is strong.  When we are doubtful, he is faithful.  When we are uncertain, he is positive.  He is also our shield.  The fiery darts don’t stop coming our way just because we stand for Jesus.  Rather, Christ goes before us and absorbs those piercing arrows that are pointed at us.  With Jesus on our side, the only way to lose the battle is to not go to battle.

Yours in Christ,

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