

"THREE BLESSINGS OF GODLY MEN"**Introduction**

1. A wonderful Psalm of David (now old).
2. What golden words are here!
3. I look at three words of comfort.

1. OUR JOURNEY THROUGH LIFE: v.23

- 1) Life is a journey: Birth...Growth...Death

This is the Bible view:

- (i) Christ in Matthew 7
- (ii) "The path of the just..."
- (iii) Race / "So run..."

- 2) The promise here: God will order our steps:

- (i) the step of training / education: e.g. David
- (ii) the step of work / service in life: Nehemiah
- (iii) the step of marriage: e.g. Rebekah
- (iv) the step of worship: Psalm 27
- (v) the step of departure: e.g. Simeon

APPLICATION: Do you not want God to guide your steps
– especially the young?

2. IN TIMES WHEN WE FALL: v.24

- 1) Each step in life has its danger + at times the Lord's people may fall = do what is foolish + sinful.

OBSERVE: Few Bible saints are free from this.

DOCTRINE: God's sovereignty overrules our folly.

This is no thanks to us, but it is our comfort + keeps us from despair.

- 2) Our falls are to humble our hearts:

- (i) David writes Psalm 51

- (ii) Peter weeps

APPLICATION: We are to hope in God after a fall and not to despair. Satan would take advantage of us after a fall

- 3) Texts to help us:

- (i) "Rejoice not...O mine enemy" (Micah 7:8)
- (ii) "A just man falleth seven times..."
- (iii) "...restore the years which the locust..."

APPLICATION: God does not cast off his people even when they fall (e.g. Peter)

- 4) Even when he falls, God is upholding him mightily.

APPLICATION: We have a merciful God.

3. BLESSING FOR US AND OUR CHILDREN: v.25

- 1) When we believe in Christ we affect our family for good: "his seed".

- 2) David's experience: He had not seen God's people destitute.

ILLUSTRATION: The sad cases of begging – with a guitar / magazines...

- 3) **DOCTRINE**: There is a special providence which Gods places around the life of a believer.

APPLICATION: These 3 blessings are things which are real. Do we know them and do we value them?

APPLICATION: Society needs to be reminded of these facts – they are relevant.

CONCLUSION

To what do we owe all these blessings?

To the death of Christ for His people.

Blessed be God.

PSALM

37: 1 – 6

37: 12 – 18

37: 22 - 25