

APRIL 5

“GOD TURNED BAD INTO GOOD FOR HIS GLORY AND YOUR BENEFIT.”

READ

Psalm 37:23-24, Romans 8:28-30

How long will you be mad at yourself, or believe you're merely being punished? The Lord takes bad decisions and turns them around for good. We grieve over situations, assuming things could have been different, but we do not know. We live under a dark cloud of "what if." We don't understand salvation if we think we can eternally affect our lives. God knows every misdirected step and immature decision, and He didn't stop you from making them. Instead, He brings everything together, so we see God ordering our steps. Moses was God's man, yet disobeyed, leading him to the wilderness, where God prepared him to deliver His people. You didn't do this; God did this. It's the result of God's plan coming to pass. Will you contest God, and be angry with Him, or do what the Bible says and give thanks? God loves justice and won't forsake His children. If you believe, you are preserved. The good is in the eternal, not in a moment in the here and now.

PRAY

Jesus, help me to trust that You have ordered my steps. Let me stop living in the past, under the dark cloud of "what if." Forgive me when I question Your ways and teach me to give thanks in all things.

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